

CHomics Tutorial

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The screenshot displays the CHomics web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: CHomics (v1), Toolbox, My Analyses, Admin, Projects (1), Comparisons (1), Samples (3), Hello, Demo User, and Sign Out. Below the navigation bar is a section titled "My Experiments and Analyses" with a "Hide" button. Underneath, there is a "Private Folder" path and a "Create New Experiment" button. A toggle switch is labeled "View NGS data in TPM (otherwise, in FPKM)". The main content area is divided into three panels: "CHO Demo" (dated 2019-10-10) with "Samples (2)" and "Analyses (1)", "RNA-Seq Data" (dated 2019-10-08) with "Samples (2)" and "Analyses (1)", and "Test" (dated 2019-10-11) with "Samples (0)" and "Analyses (0)". Below these panels are sections for "My Private Projects", "All Comparisons" (with a search bar), and "List of Comparisons". At the bottom, a footer indicates the application is powered by various technologies: CarveoPress.js, D3.js, Plotly.js, Highcharts.js, R, Bioconductor, HOMER, WikiPathways, KEGG, Reactome, and BioInfoX Application Platform.

<http://chomics.org>

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password:CHO_demo

From the login page, you can use your email to register an account that is recommended, as you will be able to save results and upload your own data. Otherwise just use guest account to view public data.

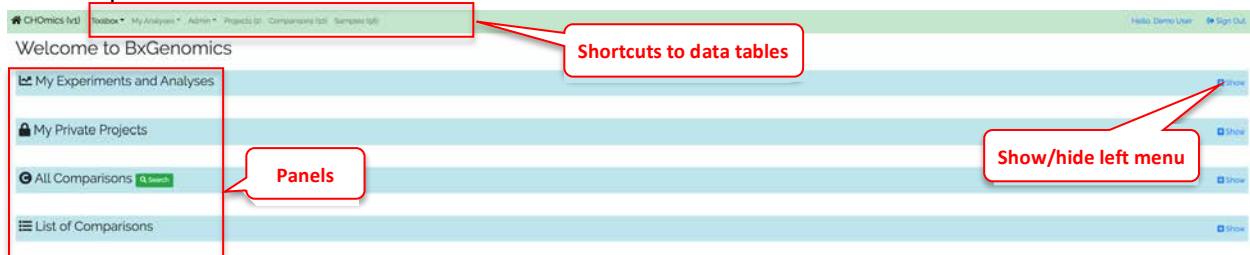
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1. Overview of CHOmics

There are several panels stacked in the main interface. The recent experiment and projects are listed in the panel separately for quick access. You can also access them and other functions from the shortcuts at the top menu bar.



1.1 Menu Bar

In top menu bar, several shortcuts are listed for quick access of functions including: Toolbox, My Analysis, and Admin, Projects, Comparisons and Samples.

'Toolbox' contains a list of functional modules including: 'Import Project Data', 'Gene Expression Analysis', 'Comparison-based Analysis', 'Pathway Visualization' and 'Other tools'.

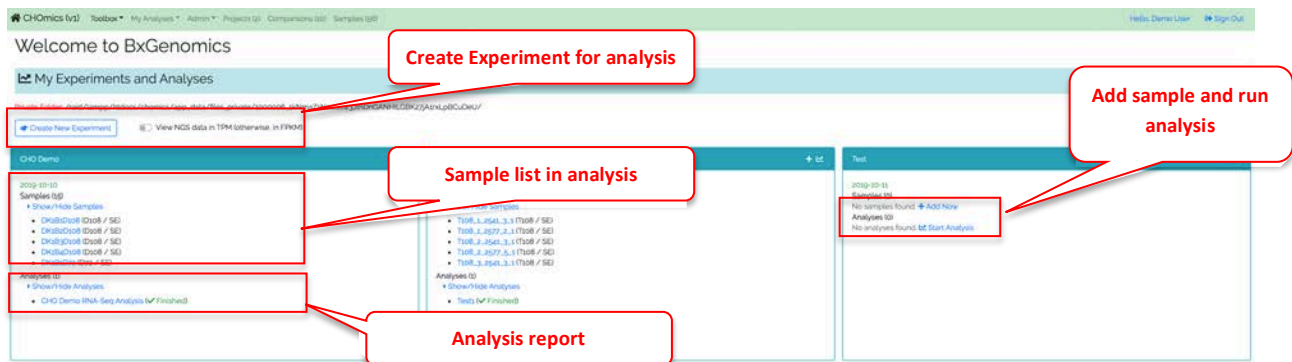
'My Analysis' provides quick access to the information of all 'Experiments', 'Samples' and 'Analysis'.

'Admin' allows the users to manage the data files from private folder, shared folder and overview the platforms applied to all data sets.

'Projects', 'Comparisons' and 'Samples' all provide searching function and access to specific project, comparison and sample respectively.

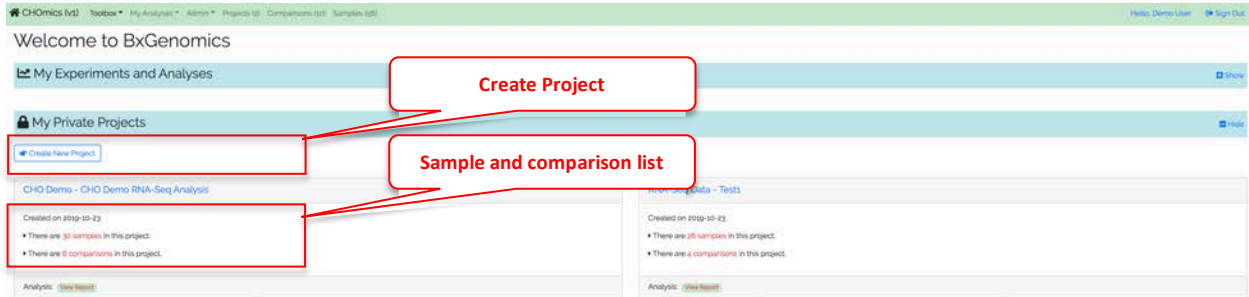
1.2 Experiments and Analyses

Experiment is designed for running the built-in RNA sequencing pipeline on the raw sequencing data. Once the experiment is created, users can upload raw fastq files and sample meta information, and then launch the built-in pipeline for analysis. After the analysis is completed, the analysis report is generated and the results can be exported as one 'Project' for visualization and cross-project comparison.




1.3 Projects

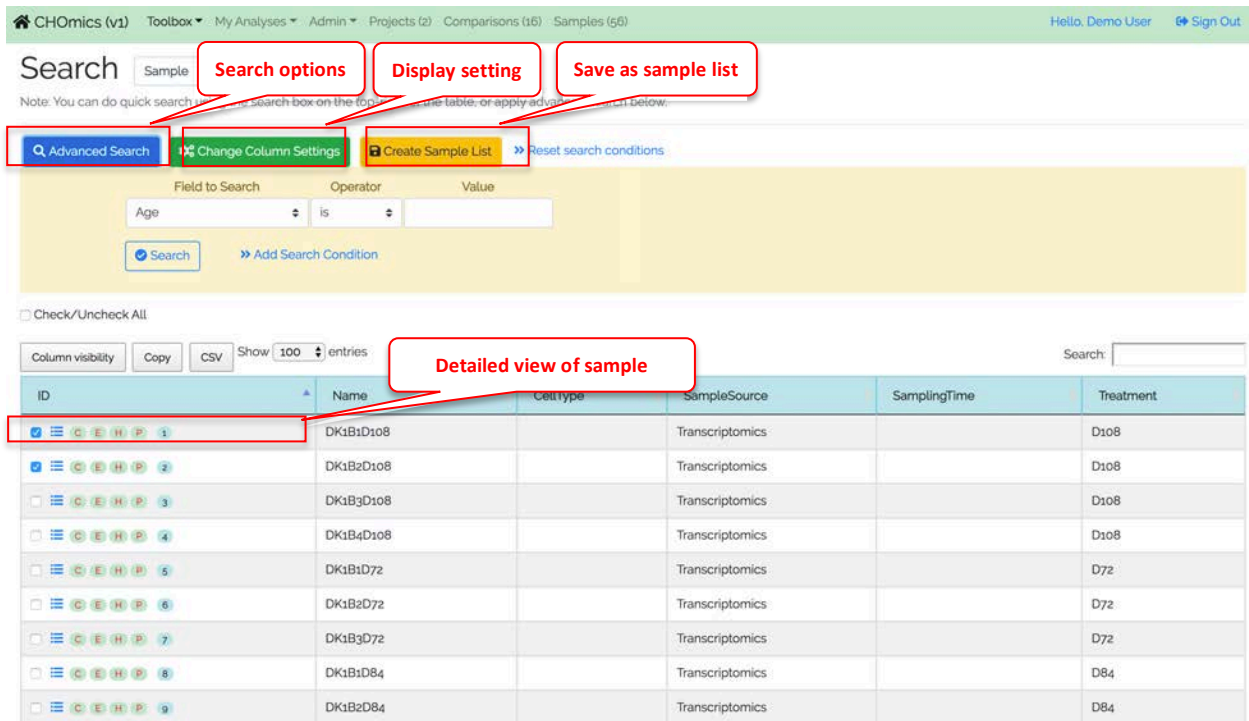
The project is used to perform data mining and data visualization. Users can either import analysis report from 'Experiment' or upload pre-processed data to create a project. In the project, users can easily explore different features of the data (e.g. Gene expression profiling, sample clustering, PCA, differential expression genes and pathways, etc), compare the analysis with the other projects or perform the meta-analysis by combining multiple projects.



Each project mainly consists of samples including both meta information and omics profiling, and comparisons showing the statistical differences among samples.

1.4 Samples

A project may include many samples which can be searched by the 'Sample' in top menu bar. Each sample has its own properties including Species, CellType, DiseaseState, etc (details available by clicking the  button on the left ends).



To change columns displayed in the table, using the table settings (green button). Users can also select the samples to save them into the sample list. Samples from the list can be loaded to other analysis or visualization stools like heatmap.

Each sample has a gene expression profile. In CHOmics, there are multiple ways to analyze and visualize the samples including: correlation tool (noted by 'C'), gene expression plot(noted by 'E'), expression heatmap (noted by 'H'), and PCA analysis (noted by 'P').

Sample: DK1B1D108

Found in project: CHO Demo - CHO Demo RNA-Seq Analysis

Found in comparisons: D108 vs D72, D108 vs D84, D108 vs Dg6

Tools for sample analysis:

- Gene Expression Correlation
- Gene Expression Plot
- Gene Expression Heatmap
- PCA Analysis

Sample Details			
ID	1	Projects ID	1
Project Name	CHO Demo - CHO Demo RNA-Seq Analysis	Platforms ID	2
Platform	NGS_Mouse	Platform Type	NGS
PlatformName	Generic Mouse NGS Platform	Samples ID	27
Species	Mouse	Name	DK1B1D108
Description	CHO sample DK1-B1-D108, Time D108, Replicate B1	SampleIndex	27
CellType		DiseaseCategory	
DiseaseState		Ethnicity	
Gender		Infection	
Organism		Response	
SamplePathology		SampleSource	Transcriptomics

1.5 Comparisons

Comparison is defined by the comparative analysis between two groups of samples including differential gene analysis and pathway enrichment analysis.

There are a lot of meta data available for each comparison. See the dashboard for an overview of key categories, and the detailed description of each comparison has the full information.

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Search: D84 vs D72

Note: You can do quick searches using the search box on the top right. For more options, click on the search box or apply advanced search filters.

Buttons: Advanced Search, Change Column Settings, Create Comparison List, Create a Sample List, Reset search conditions

Check/Uncheck All

Column visibility | Copy | CSV | Show

Search:

ID	Name	Case SampleIDs	Control SampleIDs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B M H C V W R K 1	D84 vs D72	Show/Hide	Show/Hide
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B M H C V W R K 2	D96 vs D72	Show/Hide	Show/Hide
<input type="checkbox"/> B M H C V W R K 3	D108 vs D72	Show/Hide	Show/Hide
<input type="checkbox"/> B M H C V W R K 4	D96 vs D84	Show/Hide	Show/Hide
<input type="checkbox"/> B M H C V W R K 5	D108 vs D84	Show/Hide	Show/Hide
<input type="checkbox"/> B M H C V W R K 6	D108 vs D96	Show/Hide	Show/Hide

The selected comparisons can be saved to the comparison list (yellow button) for easy loading into the plotting tools.

Several options on each comparison for complicated visualization and analysis are also listed including: bubble plot of gene expressions (noted by 'B'), meta analysis (noted by 'M'), pathway heatmap plot (noted by 'H'), significant changes genes (noted by 'C'), volcano plot (noted by 'V'), Wikipathway mapping (noted by 'W'), and Rectome and KEGG pathway mapping (noted by 'R' and 'K' respectively).

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Comparison: D84 vs D72

Search All Comparisons | View Comparison Genes | Edit Comparison Details

ID	Name	Project	Category	DiseaseState	Tissue	Samples	Control Samples
1	D84 vs D72	CHO Demo - CHO Demo RNA-Seq Analysis		Unknown Disease	Unknown Tissue	Show/Hide	Show/Hide

Buttons: View Details, Genes, Changed Genes, WikiPathways, Reactome Pathways, KEGG Pathways, Pathway Heatmap, Bubble Plot, Meta Analysis, Volcano Chart

Options for comparison analysis and visualization

Up Regulated Genes

Biological Process

Cellular Component

Molecular Function

KEGG

Molecular Signature

Interpro Protein Domain

Wiki Pathway

Reactome

Enrichment Report

Biological Process

Biological Process	Number of Genes	log(p)
RNA processing	~100	-45.96
metabolic process	~550	-40.66
organic substance metabolic process	~500	-40.11
ribonucleoprotein complex biogenesis	~100	-39.52
primary metabolic process	~500	-39.29
macromolecule metabolic process	~450	-36.94
nitrogen compound metabolic process	~500	-36.83
ribosome biogenesis	~100	-36.79
cellular metabolic process	~550	-36.79
ncRNA processing	~100	-35.26

1.6 Genes


The genome-wide gene expression values were detected in each sample using RNA-Seq or microarrays. All the human genes that have expression values are listed in gene table. The gene annotation from difference platforms were all mapped to NCBI gene ID (EntrezID) for consistence across platforms.

ID	GeneName	EntrezID	Source	Alias
Gm13461	Gm13461	75242	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm13461
Gm18206	Gm18206	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Xln4	Xln4	457097	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Xln4
Gm18928	Gm18928	10544937	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm18928
Gm17380	Gm17380	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm17353	Gm17353	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm17588	Gm17588	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm19298	Gm19298	100038275	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm19298
Gm17329	Gm17329	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm17341	Gm17341	654792	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm17341
Gm19148	Gm19148	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm19238	Gm19238	100038274	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm19238
Gm19268	Gm19268	100038273	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm19268
Gm19395	Gm19395	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm17396	Gm17396	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm17381	Gm17381	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Gm16501	Gm16501	492876	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Gm16501
Rpl1	Rpl1	19888	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Rpl1
Gm17483	Gm17483	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA
Sca17	Sca17	20671	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	Sca17
Gm17387	Gm17387	NA	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94	NA

To find a gene, you can use gene symbol, gene description, gene alias, NCBI gene ID, Ensembl gene ID or Uniprot ID.

For some common genes, the symbols used in publications are often not the official symbol, and you can try search alias field. For example, TP53 is often referred to as P53 in publication. You need to search P53 in alias or tumor protein p53 in description to find it if you don't know its official symbol.

The NCBI Gene search <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene> is a good source to get official gene symbols and IDs.

You can view full details of a gene by clicking the  button .

Gene: Gm18956

» Search All Genes

Gene Expression Plot Gene Bubble Plot

View expression plot

View Bubble plot across comparisons

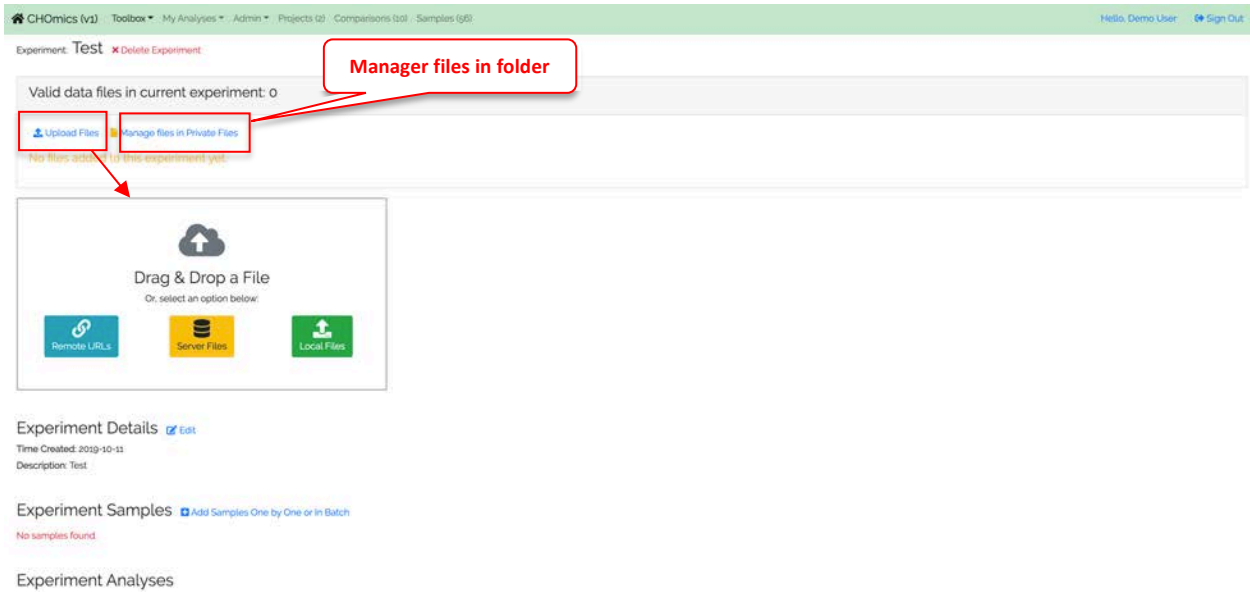
Gene Details			
ID	10000003	Species	Mouse
GeneIndex	10000003	GeneName	Gm18956
EntrezID	100418032	Source	Ensembl_mouse_gene_v94
Description	predicted gene, 18956	Alias	Gm18956
Ensembl	ENSMUSG00000102851	Unigene	NA
Uniprot	NA	TranscriptNumber	1
Strand	+	Chromosome	1
Start	3252757	End	3253236
ExonLength	480	GeneID	Gm18956
AccNum	NA	Biotype	processed_pseudogene

From gene details, you can access RNA-Seq data in a box plot, or view all comparisons including this gene in a bubble plot.

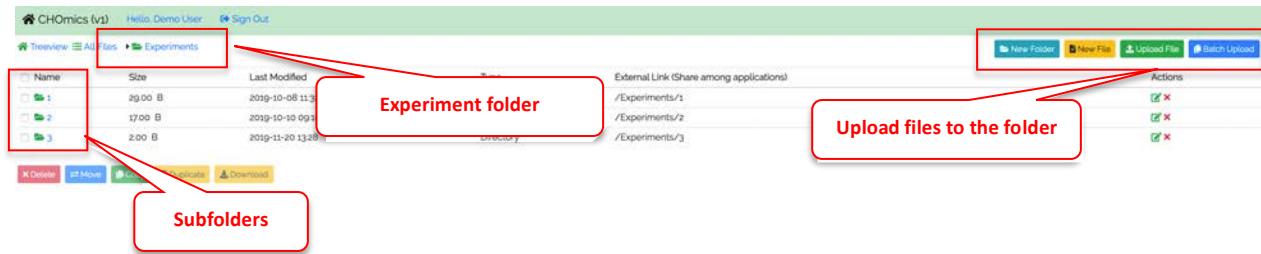
2 Data Input

2.1 Upload fastq files to experiment

After the experiment is created, users can upload fastq or fastq.gz files through remote URLs, server files or local files. The files are uploaded to the private folder named 'Experiments' automatically.



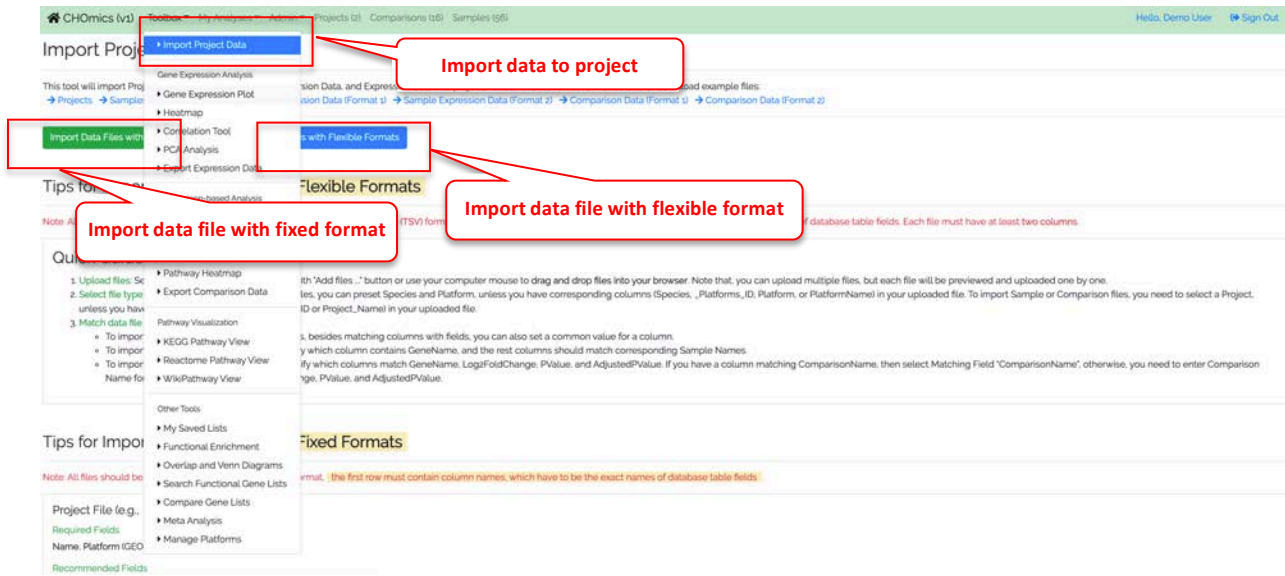
In the folder 'Experiments', there may be multiple subfolders corresponding to different experiments. Users can easily modify the folder or upload new files to the folder.



2.2 Upload data file to project

Besides raw RNA sequencing data (fastq files), CHOmics also allow the input of other types of data to start a project, including meta data (i.e. project and samples), expression data, and summary data. Those data should be uploaded in comma separated values (CSV) or tab separated values (TSV) with either

fixed or flexible format.

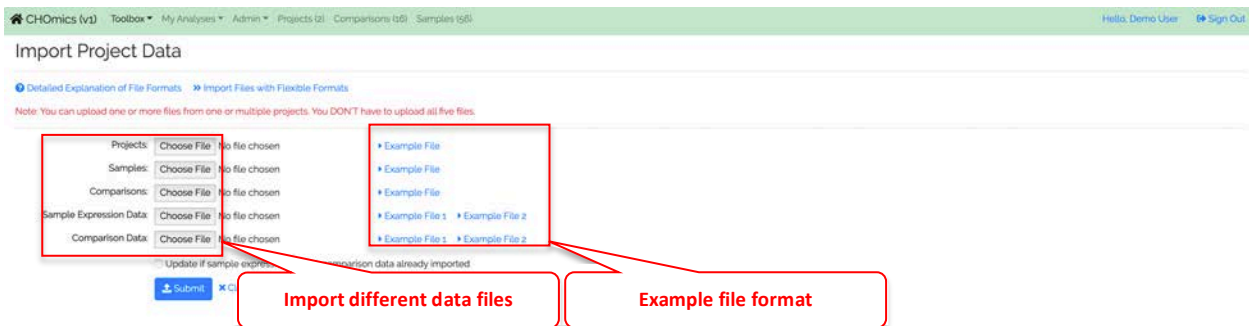


Project file can be uploaded to create a new project. The project file contains some required information such as Name, Platform and other optional fields such as Disease, Description etc.

Sample file can be uploaded to register samples for a project. The sample file contains required information such as Name and Project_Name and optional fields such as Description, Tissue, DiseaseState, SampleSource, Gender, etc.

Expression file can be uploaded with quantified expression measure at gene level. The expression could be transcriptomics, proteomics or other gene-level counts. The file is required to contain GeneName, SampleName, Value.

Comparison file and Comparison data file are used to upload summary results for statistical comparison test applied externally. Comparison file needs to contain the Project_Name, Case_SampleIDs, and Control_SampleIDs while comparison data file contains statistical results such as GeneName, ComparisonName, Log2FoldChange, PValue, Adjusted PValue for each comparison.



3 Data Analysis

3.1 RNAseq analysis pipeline

After fastq files are uploaded to the experiment by following the Section 2.1, users can start the analysis by applying the built-in pipeline mainly including: Raw Data QC (quality control), Alignment, Gene Counts and QC, and DEG, GSEA and GO analysis. After the analysis is completed, the results can be exported into a project for visualization.

After completion of each step, a report is generated for summarizing the metrics in each step to quantify raw data QC, alignment with Subread method, and gene count distribution and sample/gene count QC, respectively.

In the report for raw data QC, all fastq files are verified in quality by software fastQC. Sequencing read information and quality control metrics are summarized for each individual fastq file.

Filename	Total Sequences	Sequences flagged as poor quality	Sequence length	%GC	#Total Duplicated Percentage
NG-7391_Tg6_4_RNA20140328RA_IB44118_2577_2_1.fastq.gz	3223065	0	51	52	47.2%
NG-7391_T108_1_RNA20140328RA_IB44119_2541_3_1.fastq.gz	2763635	0	51	55	50.0%
NG-7391_T72_1_RNA20140328RA_IB44108_2577_5_1.fastq.gz	4783635	0	51	53	42.7%
NG-7391_T108_4_RNA20140328RA_IB44122_2577_2_1.fastq.gz	3215429	0	51	53	46.6%
NG-7391_T84_1_RNA20140328RA_IB44111_2541_3_1.fastq.gz	2500801	0	51	53	53.3%
NG-7391_T84_4_RNA20140328RA_IB44114_2577_2_1.fastq.gz	29244828	0	51	52	48.7%

The table below show pass/fail for several QC metrics. Click the file name to open individual reports. You can view fastQC documentation to get more information about the QC metrics.

Please note that for RNA-Seq data, it is normal to observe a few failed metrics, which usually will not affect subsequent data analysis. First, per base sequence content (and Kmer content) will often fail fastQC due to non-random base content at the first ~12 bases. This is because the random primers used during reverse transcription step are actually not totally random in terms of base content. Second, the sequence duplication levels of RNA-Seq data are usually high because many transcripts are highly expressed.

QC metrics

File Name	Basic Statistics	Per base sequence quality	Per tile sequence quality	Per sequence quality scores	Per base sequence content	Per sequence GC content	Per base N content	Sequence Length Distribution	Sequence Duplication Levels	Overrepresented sequences	Adapter Content
NG-7391_Tp6_4_RNA20140328RA_lib44118_2577_2_1.fastq.gz	PASS	PASS	WARN	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	WARN	PASS
NG-7391_T108_1_RNA20140328RA_lib44119_2541_3_1.fastq.gz	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	WARN	PASS	PASS	WARN	FAIL	PASS
NG-7391_T72_1_RNA20140328RA_lib44108_2577_5_1.fastq.gz	PASS	PASS	WARN	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS
NG-7391_T108_4_RNA20140328RA_lib44122_2577_2_1.fastq.gz	PASS	PASS	WARN	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS
NG-7391_T84_1_RNA20140328RA_lib44111_2541_3_1.fastq.gz	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	WARN	WARN	PASS
NG-7391_T84_4_RNA20140328RA_lib44134_2577_2_1.fastq.gz	PASS	PASS	WARN	PASS	FAIL	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	WARN	PASS

In the report for alignment, parameter setting and quality metrics (e.g, mapped, junctions,etc) for alignment are listed for each fastq file.

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BxGenomics - Sequence Alignment Logs

Subread: v1.5.0-p1 (<http://subread.sourceforge.net/>)

Subjunc Settings

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Function : Read alignment + Junction detection (RNA-Seq)
Threads : 6
Input file : /raid/lampp/htdocs/chomics/app_data/analysis/2_yr ...
Output file : /raid/lampp/htdocs/chomics/app_data/analysis/2_yr ...
Index name : /var/www/html/cho_genomics/app_data/files_core/PI ...
Phred offset : 33

Min votes : 1 / 14
Allowed mismatch : 3 bases
Max indels : 5
# of Best mapping : 1
Unique mapping : no
Hamming distance : no
Quality scores : no

Summary:

Processed : 27636352 reads
Mapped : 26781244 reads (96.9%)
Junctions : 111928
Indels : 46843

Running time : 12.6 minutes
    
```

In the report for Gene Counts and QC step, several metrics have been calculated and plotted for comprehensive evaluation of genes and samples, including: reads mapping to genes, distribution of detected genes, percentage of reads for highly expressed genes, normalization and boxplot of gene expression, sample grouping and clustering, sample correlation and outlier detection.

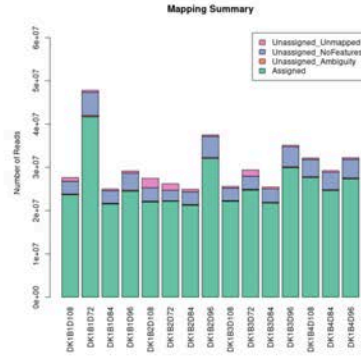
'1. Assign reads to genes' plots the mapping summary of reads to genes, showing the percentage of reads assigned to genes or unassigned due to unmapping, no features or ambiguous mapping.

BxGenomics - RNA-Seq QC Report

1. Assign Reads to Genes

The alignment bam files were compared against the gene annotation GFF file, and raw counts for each gene were generated using the `featureCounts` tool from subread. The graph below shows mapping and gene assignment summary. Click the graph to download the pdf version. You can also [download the csv file that contains the numbers](#).

- [Download the raw gene counts in CSV format](#). This file lists the number of reads mapped to each gene.



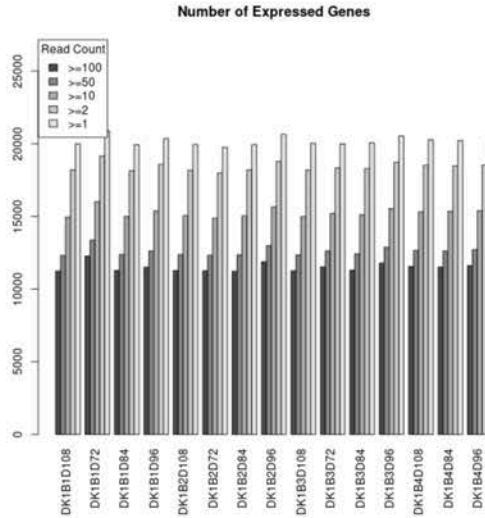
It is normal to observe some variation in number of reads across samples. However, samples with extremely low number of reads may not be suitable for downstream analysis, and we recommend checking the additional QC metrics below to identify potential outliers to exclude from downstream analysis.

‘2. Number of Genes Detected’ plots the number of expressed genes with read count from intervals of ≥ 1 , ≥ 2 , ≥ 10 , ≥ 50 and ≥ 100 .

‘3. Percentage Reads from Most Highly Expressed Genes’ plots the percentage of reads mapped to the top expressed genes (up to 100 genes).

2. Number of Genes Detected

Next, we performed additional QC at gene level. We first looked at number of genes detected. We count the number of genes that have at least 1, 2, 10, 50 or 100 counts. In general, number of genes with 2 or more counts can be used as a rough estimate of how many genes are expressed. Genes with only 1 read could be noise. In addition, the number of genes with 10 or more reads is a good indicator of how many genes have enough reads for downstream statistical analysis. Click the graph to download a pdf version, you can also download a csv file [containing the numbers](#).



We also try to detect outliers from this step. Any samples that show very small number of genes with 10 or more reads are potential outliers. The cutoff we used is 1/2 of the median across all samples.

3. Percentage Reads from Most Highly Expressed Genes

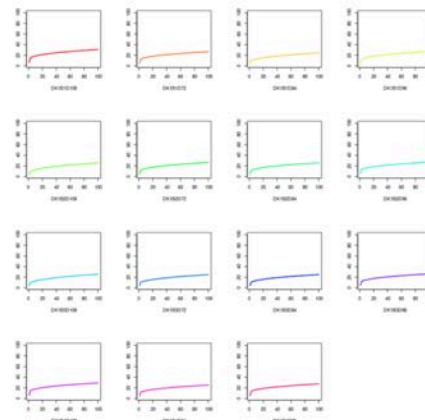
We also look at the percentage of reads belonging to the top genes. Basically we rank the genes by read counts, and compute the percentage of reads belonging to the top genes (up to top 100).

If majority of the reads come from top genes, then the sample probably has bottlenecking issues where a few genes were amplified many times by PCR during library preparation.

Most samples should have ~ 20% reads mapped to the top 100 genes.

If the top 100 genes account for more than 35% of all reads, we consider this sample as a potential outlier.

Click the graph to download a pdf version. You can also download a csv file [download the csv file that contains the numbers](#).



'4. Normalization and Boxplot of Gene Expression' evaluates gene expression after normalization by TMM method and then draws boxplot of normalized expression (logCPM: log of counts per million reads) after log₂ transformation.

4. Normalization and Boxplot of Gene Expression

The raw counts data were further processed by the following steps:

a) Remove genes that were not expressed. If a gene has counts per million (CPM) value >-1 in at least two of the samples, we consider it expressed in the experiment and include it for downstream QC analysis. From 32871 total genes, 14212 genes are selected as expressed and used in downstream QC analysis.

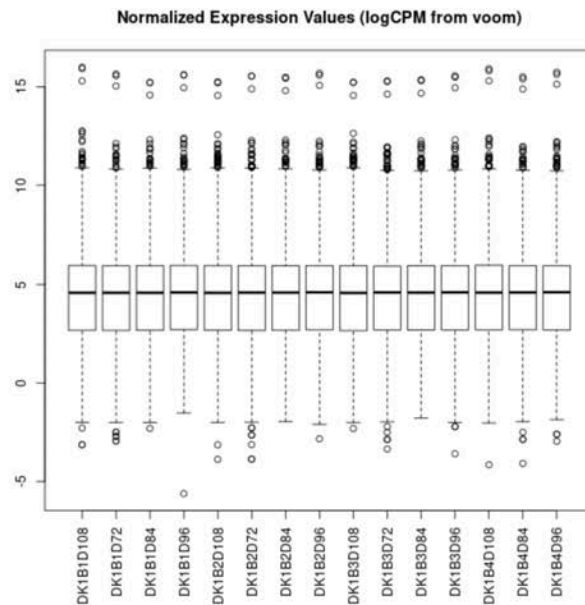
b) The [TMM normalization method](#) was used to scale samples to remove differences in the composition of the RNA population between samples. It is performed with the [edgeR package](#). The normalization factors for all samples are listed below. You can [download the csv file](#).

Name	group	lib.size	norm.factors
DK1B1D108	1	23619476	0.927
DK1B1D72	1	41669151	1.010
DK1B1D84	1	21522805	1.028
DK1B1Dg6	1	24476888	0.995

At this step, we also try to identify outliers that have extreme normalization factors (>1.5 or <0.66). Note sometimes samples with large biological differences can have extreme normalization factors.

c) The normalized gene counts were transformed to log₂ scale using [voom method](#) from the [R Limma package](#). We created boxplot for each sample to summarize gene expression.

Since this is normalized data, most samples should look similar. Samples with high or low distribution may be outliers (or have large biological differences).

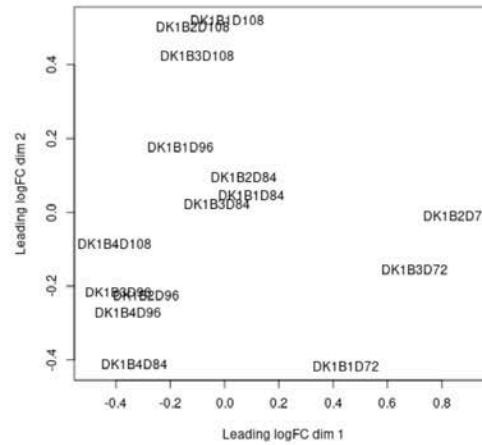


‘5 Grouping and Clustering of Samples’ plots the relationship among samples by multidimensional scale. Samples are clustered by hierarchical clustering method based on the expression of top genes with large variation ($SD/mean > 0.3$).

5. Grouping and Clustering of Samples

a) We first create multidimensional plot to view sample relationships. This is done using [R Limma package](#).

Here biological replicates should cluster together, and difference conditions ideally should separate from each other.



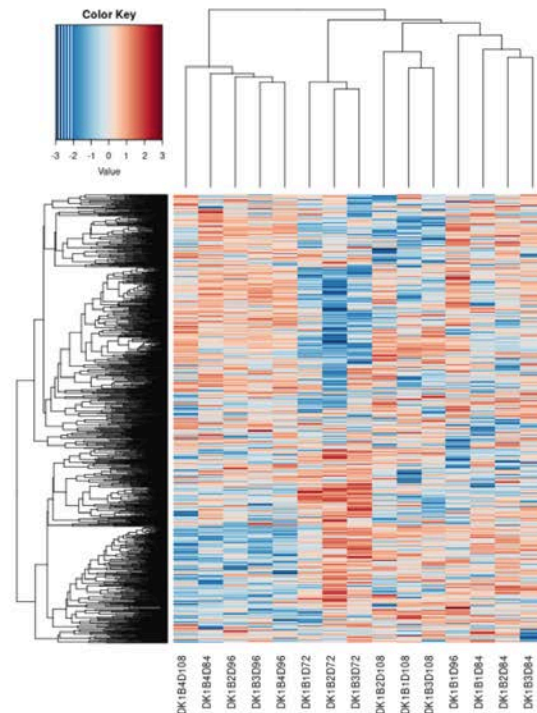
b) Very often hierarchical clustering can give better indication of the sample and gene relationships. We used [made4 package](#) from R to cluster samples and draw a heatmap.

We selected genes that have variable expression across samples to make the heatmap. These variable genes were chosen based on standard deviation (SD) of expression values larger than 30% of the mean expression values (Mean). If there are more than >5000 variable genes, we first remove genes with mean logCPM<1, then rank genes by SD/Mean to get the top 5000 genes.

The heatmap is created from 1124 variable genes.

In the heatmap above, we selected genes that changed across samples (normally by SD/mean > 0.3), and plotted the relatively gene expression levels (blue is low, red is high). Gene names are not shown due to large number of genes used to create the heatmap. Both genes and samples are clustered in the heatmap. Normally biological replicates should cluster together, and ideally there should be up- or down- regulated genes between different conditions.

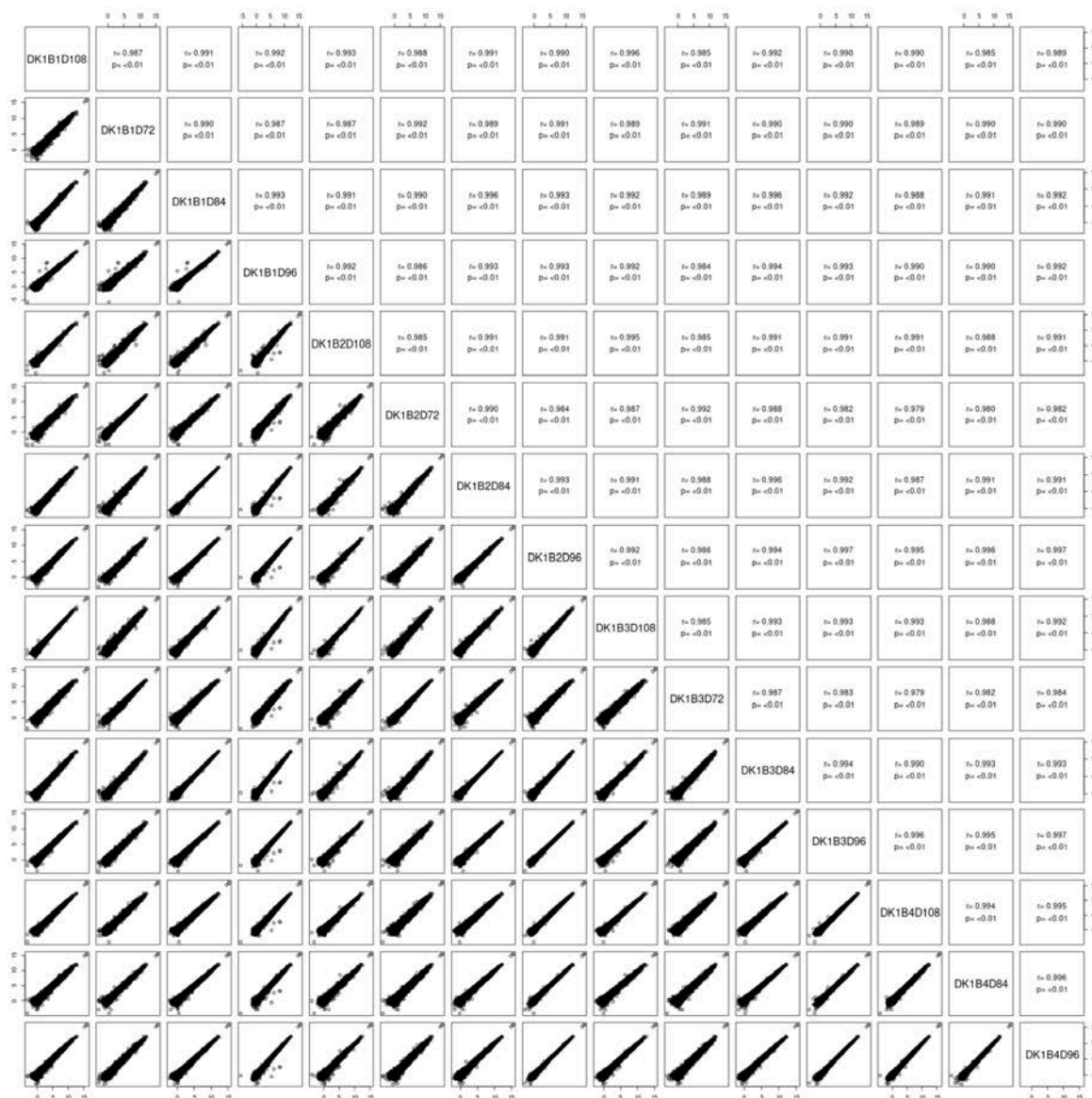
Heatmap can be used to detect overall patterns, as well as outlier samples.



‘6 Sample correlation’ creates scatter plots for the correlation between sample pairs. The idea is that biological replicates from the same group should look similar in the scatter plot, and should have high correlation values compared to the samples from other groups.

6. Sample correlation

We also created scatter plots for the correlation between sample pairs. If there are many samples, you may need to download the graph and view it at full size. Again, the idea here is that biological replicates should look similar in the scatter plot, and should have high correlation values.



3.2 DE, GSEA and GO analysis

After completing the first three steps for sample quality control and gene count readout, users can start statistical analysis as the last step of pipeline, including differential expression analysis (DEG), gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) and gene ontology (GO) analysis.

DEG analysis is applied to compare gene expression between two groups, namely comparison. Users can design one or multiple comparisons for DEG analysis. In each comparison, differential expressed genes are identified by LIMMA model, followed by GSEA pathway analysis and GO enrichment analysis which explore the enrichment of DEGs in diverse pathways.

CHomics (v1) | Toolbox | My Analyses | Admin | Projects (0) | Comparisons (0) | Samples (0) | Hello, Demo User | Sign Out

Analysis: Test | Delete Analysis

Analysis Details | Edit Analysis Details

Experiment: CH10 Demo
Time Created: 2019-11-22 08:51:10
Name: Test
Description: INCEL set

Analysis Samples | Data Type: PD
15 samples are used | Show All Samples | Select Samples and Files | Create Sample

Analysis Steps and Progress

Tip: Please select one or multiple analysis steps to get started

Run Complete Analysis	Status	Step Files
Step 1: Raw Data QC	Not Started	Not Started
Step 2: Alignment with Subread	Not Started	Not Started
Step 3: Gene Counts and QC	Not Started	Not Started
Step 4: DEG, GSEA and GO Analysis	Not Started	Not Started

DEG Parameters

Use TMM Normalization: True

Minimum number of Genes in a set:

Maximum number of Genes in a set:

Select Comparisons:

D1a	vs	D1b
D1c	vs	D1d
D1e	vs	D1f
D1g	vs	D1h
D1i	vs	D1j
D1k	vs	D1l
D1m	vs	D1n
D1o	vs	D1p

[Add Comparison](#)

[Submit Analysis Job](#)

The reports for DEG and pathway analysis are attached for each comparison after completion of analysis.

CHomics (v1) | Toolbox | My Analyses | Admin | Projects (0) | Comparisons (0) | Samples (0) | Hello, Demo User | Sign Out

Analysis: Test | Delete Analysis

Analysis Details | Edit Analysis Details

Experiment: CH10 Demo
Time Created: 2019-11-22 08:51:10
Name: Test
Description: INCEL set

Analysis Samples | Data Type: PD
15 samples are used | Show All Samples | Select Samples and Files | Create Sample

Analysis Steps and Progress

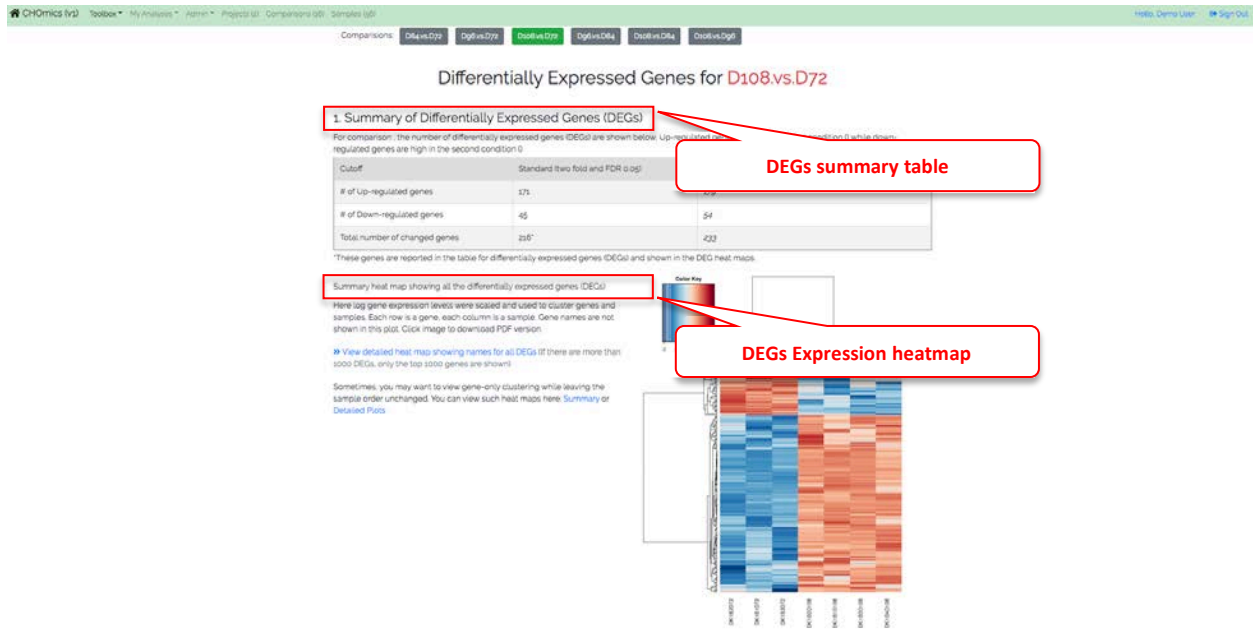
Tip: Please select one or multiple analysis steps to get started

Run Complete Analysis	Status	Step Files
Step 1: Raw Data QC	Finished	Not Started
Step 2: Alignment with Subread	Finished	Not Started
Step 3: Gene Counts and QC	Finished	Not Started
Step 4: DEG, GSEA and GO Analysis	Finished	Not Started

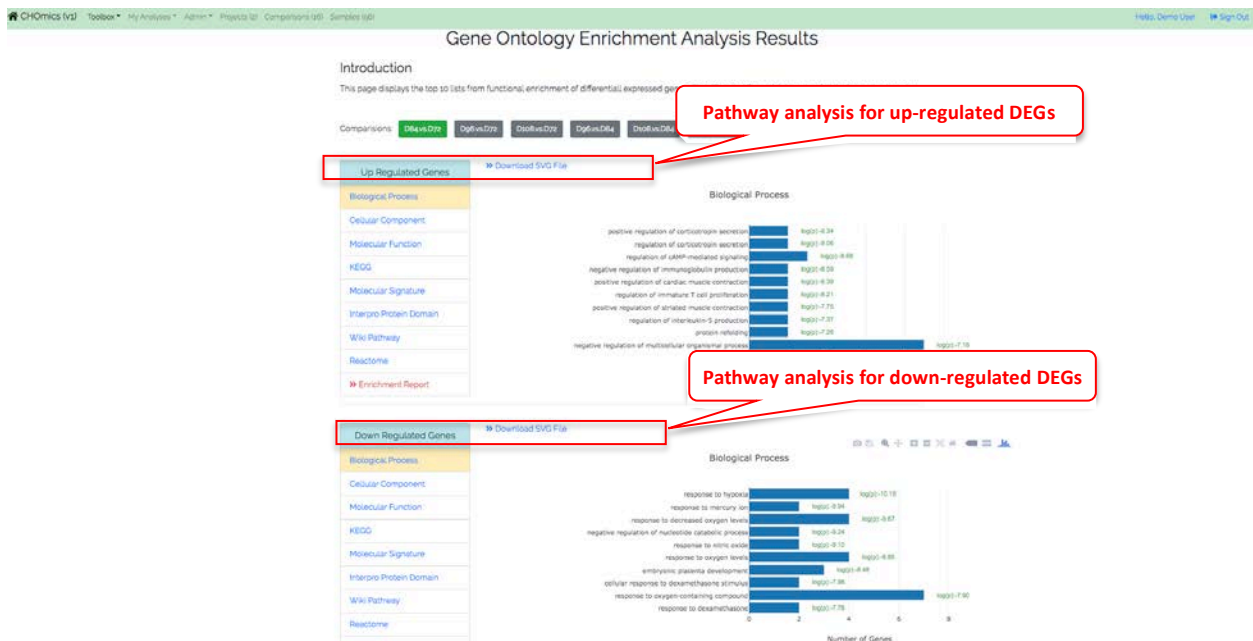
Report for DEG, GSEA and GO analysis

- DEG vs D1a
- DEG vs D1b
- DEG vs D1c
- DEG vs D1d
- DEG vs D1e
- DEG vs D1f
- DEG vs D1g
- DEG vs D1h
- DEG vs D1i
- DEG vs D1j
- DEG vs D1k
- DEG vs D1l
- DEG vs D1m
- DEG vs D1n
- DEG vs D1o
- DEG vs D1p
- GSEA Analysis Report
- GO Enrichment Analysis Report

In the report for DEG analysis, the table summarizing DEGs with up- and down-regulation is listed along with a heatmap clustering the DEGs expression (up to top 1000 DEGs).



In the report for GO enrichment analysis, barplots show the significance of enrichment of up- or down-regulated DEGs in different pathway databases, e.g, GO, KEGG, Wiki pathways, etc.



Similarly, in the report for GSEA analysis, enrichment results for up- and down-regulated DEGs in pathways from MigDB database are plotted with significance level (FDR), respectively.

Submit Start Over

4. Save comparison list

Save Comparison List Bubble Plot Pathway Heatmap Meta Analysis Export Comparison Data WikiPathways Reactome Pathways KEGG Pathways

Save Gene List Gene Expression Plot Heatmap Correlation Tool PCA Analysis Export Expression Data

Column visibility Copy

6. Save gene list

Showing 1 to 10 of 40 entries Search

GeneName	Description	D84 vs D72 - Log2FC	D84 vs D72 - PValue	D84 vs D72 - FDR	D96 vs D72 - Log2FC	D96 vs D72 - PValue	D96 vs D72 - FDR	D108 vs D72 - Log2FC	D108 vs D72 - PValue	D108 vs D72 - FDR
Adm		-1.0525	0.0000	0.0008	-1.3096	0.0000	0.0001	-1.3009	0.0000	0.0022
Aqpt		-1.4112	0.0000	0.0000	-1.6577	0.0000	0.0000	-1.5824	0.0000	0.0000
Arhgef37	Rho guanine nucleotide exchange factor (GEF) 37	-1.2755	0.0000	0.0024	-1.3097	0.0000	0.0002	-1.6978	0.0000	0.0002
Calcr	calcitonin receptor	1.3005	0.0001	0.0071	1.9313	0.0000	0.0001	2.2895	0.0000	0.0000
Capn8	calpain 8	1.1739	0.0002	0.0088	1.4216	0.0000	0.0011	1.1208	0.0016	0.0204
Cdhr17	cadherin 17	2.1087	0.0008	0.0192	2.6875	0.0000	0.0009	2.8232	0.0000	0.0006
Cdkn1c	cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1C (p57)	-1.1140	0.0001	0.0051	-1.5953	0.0000	0.0005	-1.4709	0.0000	0.0010
Celf5	CUGBP, Elav-like family member 5	1.4453	0.0006	0.0173	1.4787	0.0015	0.0140	1.9500	0.0059	0.0479
Chad	chondroadherin	1.2709	0.0001	0.0067	1.7458	0.0000	0.0003	1.7059	0.0001	0.0024
Crispld2	cysteine-rich secretory protein LCCL domain containing 2	1.8740	0.0023	0.0345	1.3480	0.0022	0.0181	1.9423	0.0004	0.0087

Showing 1 to 10 of 40 entries Previous 1 2 3 4 Next

Color Scheme LogFC > 0 LogFC > 0 LogFC = 0 LogFC < -1 LogFC < -1 PValue > 0.01 PValue < 0.01 adj.PVal > 0.05 adj.PVal < 0.05 adj.PVal < 0.01

3.4 Advanced Analysis

Besides the above analyses, the CHOMics also provides several advanced tools.

3.3.1 Correlation Tools

Once the user has identified a gene of interest, the user can use correlation tools to find other genes that share similar (or opposite) profiles in terms of gene expression or fold change. First, enter the gene of interest, and samples to be used for correlation. In the example below, we entered a saved gene list, and 15 samples.

CHOMics (v1) Correlation Tool

1. Start here

Genes: Load from saved lists Select functional gene sets Clear

2. Enter gene of interests

Samples: Load from saved lists Search and Select Select a Project Clear

3. Enter or load saved samples

Advanced Options

How do you like to compare the genes?
 Calculate the correlations against all available genes in database. Calculate the correlations among the entered genes only.

Correlation Method:
 Pearson Correlation Spearman Correlation (Pearson Correlation Coefficient Between Ranked Variables)

Enable Log₂ Transform

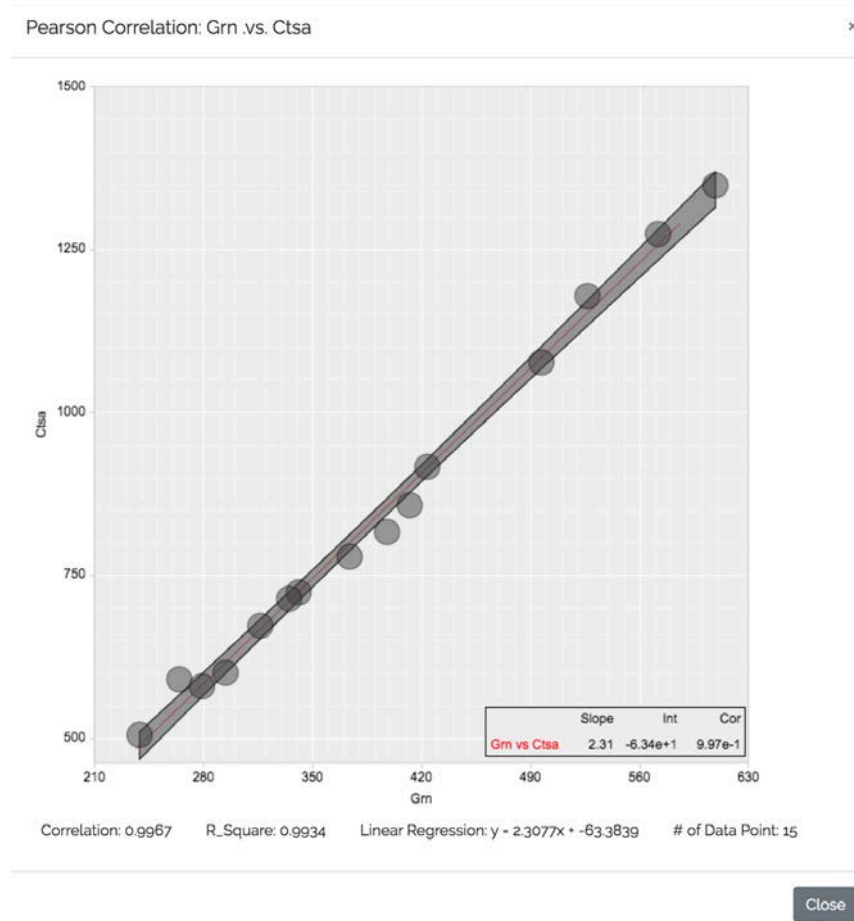
4. Set options

5. Submit

The result shows a table of correlated genes, ranked by R²

Source Gene	Matched Gene	Correlation Coef	R Square	# of Data Points	Actions
Gm	Ctla	0.9977	0.9934	15	Set Plot
Ctla	Ctla	0.9948	0.9892	15	Set Plot
Gm	Mmp9	0.9905	0.9831	15	Set Plot
Sergp5	Ctla	0.9903	0.9827	15	Set Plot
Ctla	Sopt	0.9908	0.9817	15	Set Plot
Sergp5	Sopt	0.9904	0.9809	15	Set Plot
LOC100799320	LOC100799321	0.9899	0.9799	15	Set Plot
Sergp5	Gm	0.9897	0.9795	15	Set Plot
Ctla	Sopt	0.9898	0.9793	15	Set Plot
Ctla	Ctla	0.9893	0.9787	15	Set Plot
Ctla	Sergp5	0.9888	0.9777	15	Set Plot
CofB	Sergp5	0.9879	0.9769	15	Set Plot
Ctla	Mmp9	0.9879	0.9759	15	Set Plot

Click the plot icon will show scatter plot of the target and the correlated gene (e.g, gene Grn vs. Ctss).



3.3.2 PCA Analysis

You can select a set of samples and genes and use PCA plot to visualize the sample relationships on the target gene set.

CHOMICS (v1) Toolbox My Analyses Admin Projects (0) Comparisons (0) Samples (0/5) Hello, Demo User Sign Out

PCA Analysis

• Saved Results • PCA tool for uploaded data files

Genes: Load from saved lists Load functional gene sets Clear

Samples: Load from saved lists Search and Select Select a Project Clear

Sample Attributes: 3 Selected Show Attributes

Age CellType Collection DiseaseCategory DiseaseState Ethnicity Flag Remark Flag To Remove Gender Infection Organism RN Number RNASeq Assignment Rate RNASeq Mapping Rate RNASeq Total Read Count

Response SamplePathology SampleSource SampleType SamplingTime Symptom Tissue TissueCategory Transfection Treatment Uberon ID Uberon Term Check All Check None

Submit

1. Enter or load gene of interests

2. Enter or load saved samples

3. Select sample attributes for visualization

The system will use FactorMineR package to run PCA analysis and display the results. Several PCA metrics are plotted for interactive visualization:

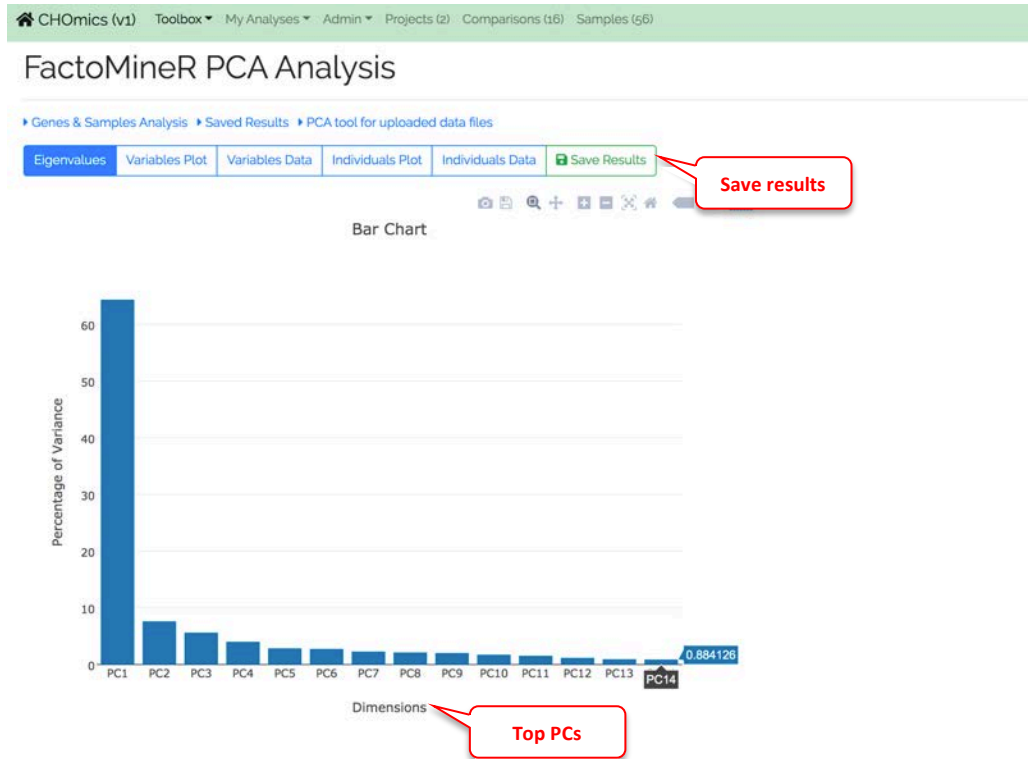
Eigenvalues plot the percentage of variance explained by top PCs.

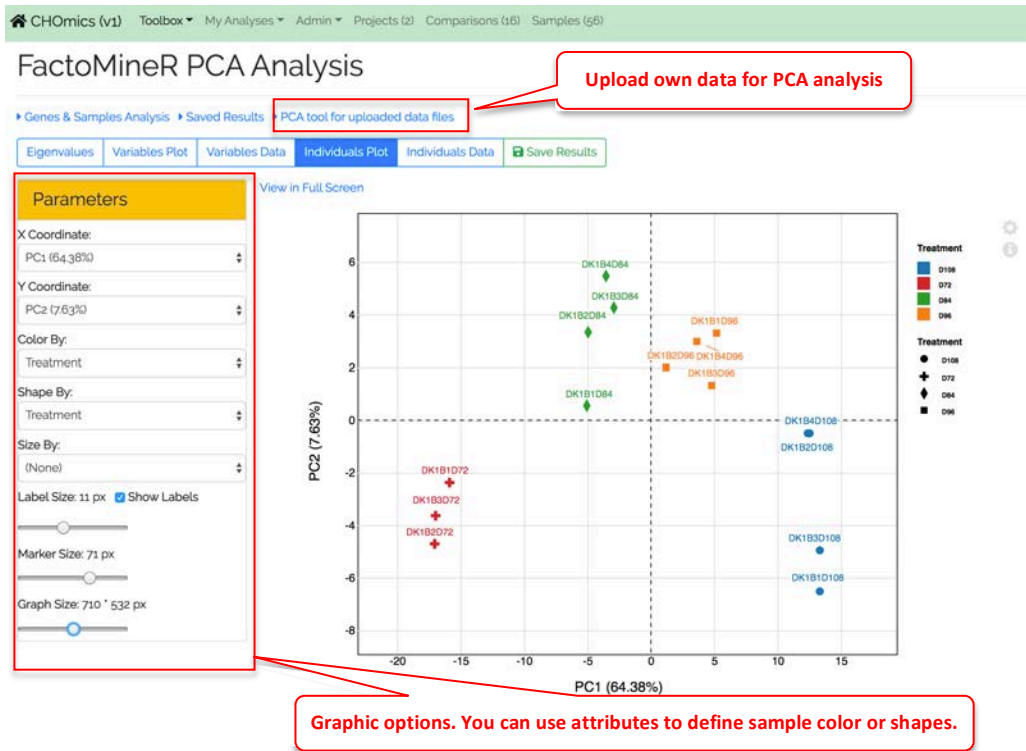
Variables Plot shows the weights of top contributing genes in each PCs.

Variable Data summarizes the weights of each gene in each individual PC.

Individuals Plot shows the relationship of samples on the spanned space by different PCs.

Individual Data summarizes the score vector of each sample in each individual PC.





The PCA results can be saved. Users can load it in the future.

My PCA Saved Results

Genes & Samples Analysis > Saved Results > PCA tool for uploaded data files

Show 100 entries

Title	Description	Actions
Test_PCA		Delete

Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries

Previous 1 Next

Users can upload their own data matrix or pre-calculated data for PCA analysis and visualization.

PCA Scatter Plot Tool

Genes & Samples Analysis > Saved Results > PCA tool for uploaded data files

Upload Files: **Data file is required**

Data File: No file chosen [Example Data File](#)

Attributes File: No file chosen [Example Attributes File](#)

Variance File: No file chosen [Example Variance File](#)

Format: csv txt / tsv

Data matrix for PCA

3.3.3 Meta-Analysis

Meta-Analysis can be used to identify genes that are changed consistently across multiple projects. It is listed as one functional module in toolbox panel. In the example below, we are looking for the most significant DEGs in three comparisons.

Save meta-analysis results

Enter or load comparison list

Enter or load gene list

Attributes to show in results table

Optional parameter setting for cutoff on meta-analysis statistical results

The meta-analysis pipeline will compute three types of results:

- 1) Maximum p-value (maxP). This method targets on DEGs have small p -values in "all" comparisons. We recommend using maxP if you are looking for DEGs that are common among several studies.
- 2) Fisher's p-value. The Fisher's method sums up the log-transformed p-values obtained from individual studies. This p-value combination method is useful if you want to identify DEGs in any of the comparisons.
- 3) We also applied simple counting method to report the frequency a gene is classified as up or down-regulated DEG from all the comparisons. The default DEG cutoff is two-fold change and $FDR < 0.05$. but user can change the cutoff.

In most cases, combing maxP (smaller values are more significant) and the counting method (e.g. up-regulated in 50% of studies) will give the most biological relevant results for consistently regulated genes across comparisons.

Optional tools for visualizing and saving results

Filtering

Columns in results table

Select genes for visualization and other analysis

GeneName	EntrezID	Up.Per	RankProd	RP_logFC	RP_Pval	RP_FDR	Combined_Pval_Fisher	Combined_Pval_maxP	Combined_FDR_Fisher	Combined_FDR_maxP
Mb21d1	214763	66.6667	8.7760	0.8800	0.0033	0.2758	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Snord14e	100302594	33.3333	7.9260	1.0500	0.0023	0.3927	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Hspa1a	193740	33.3333	15.7900	0.8400	0.0199	0.6728	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002	0.0004
LOC100689269	100689269	33.3333	14.9500	0.7800	0.0170	0.7182	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
LOC100689270	100689270	33.3333	13.9000	0.7400	0.0138	0.7744	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Calcr	12311	33.3333	36.0400	0.7500	0.1531	1.2320	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
LOC113832837	113832837	33.3333	33.8000	0.3300	0.1341	1.2590	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000

In the above example, we used a relatively loose filtering criterion (N.data.points>1, and up-regulation in percentage>30% of studies, and Combined_Pval_MaxP <=0.0001) because only small number of genes pass the stringent default criterion.

Display Options

N.data.points >= 1

Percentage Up-Regulated >= 30

Percentage Down-Regulated >= 0.01

Combined_Pval_MaxP Cutoff <= 0.0001

RP_Pval <= 0.01

Pval Fisher Cutoff <= 0.01

Number of records to show: 100 1000 3000 (limit)

Update Settings Cancel

The data table shows the genes that pass the filters. We can sort the table by maxP value. A different filter can be applied to get down-regulated genes.

The results can be saved for future access. There are also links to several other tools. The download meta data link will save a CSV file that contain results from all genes.

Next, we will choose all the genes that pass filter by checking the box for all listed genes, and use bubble plot to visualize the results.

Bubble Plot Multiple

Single Gene Plot

Genes: [Load from saved lists](#) [Load functional gene sets](#) [Clear](#)

Calcr
Hspata
LOC100689269
LOC100689270
LOC113832837
Mb21d1

Note: You must enter one or more gene names.

Comparisons: [Load from saved lists](#) [Search and Select](#) [Select a Project](#) [Clear](#)

D10R vs D96
D84 vs D72
D96 vs D84

Note: You must enter one or more comparison names.

Toggle Advanced Settings

Chart Height Scale Factor:
1

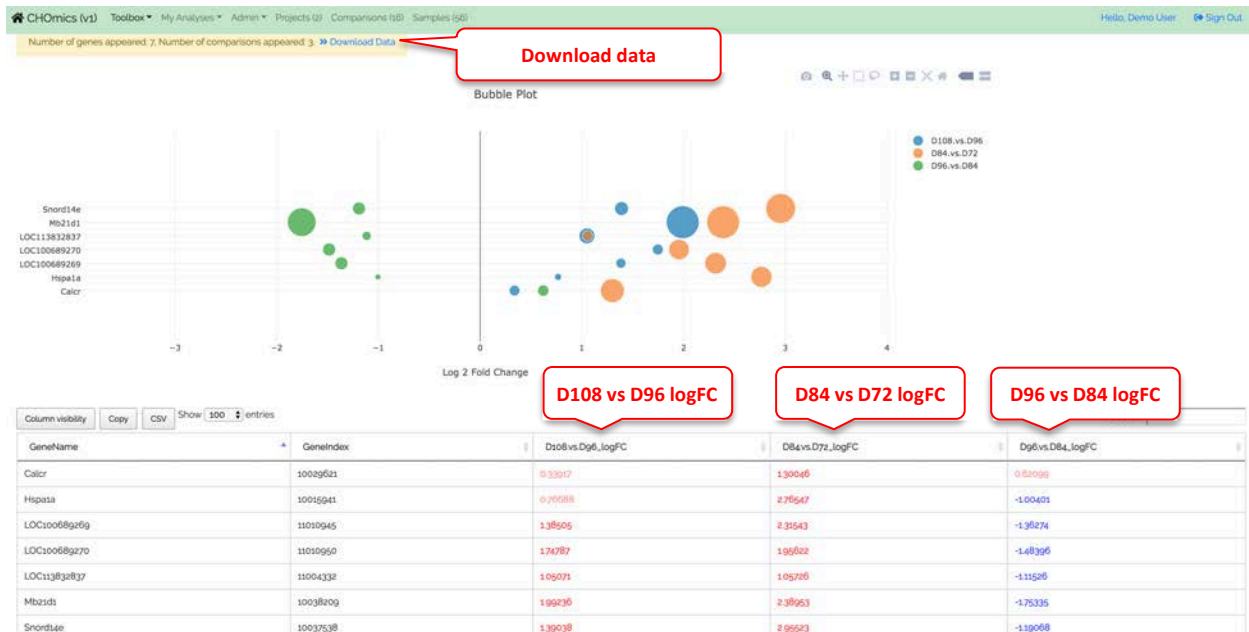
Chart Left Margin Scale Factor:
1

Show Columns in Table:
 LogFC P-Value FDR

Unlick p-value and FDR to show only logFC

Submit

The resulting bubble plot will show all three comparisons for each gene.



The data table below the bubble plot can also be used for filtering. Remember in the advanced settings, we choose to display logFC only, this makes it easier to look for genes that are reverted in different time points. The logFC values are colored coded (red, increase, blue, decrease), therefore we can see that most of genes show upregulation in D84, and then downregulation in D96 and then upregulation in D108.

You can also redo the plot, check all columns to include p-value and FDR in the table, and export the results to excel file.

The workflow above uses up-regulated genes as example. You can get down-regulated genes from the filter step in meta-analysis result page.

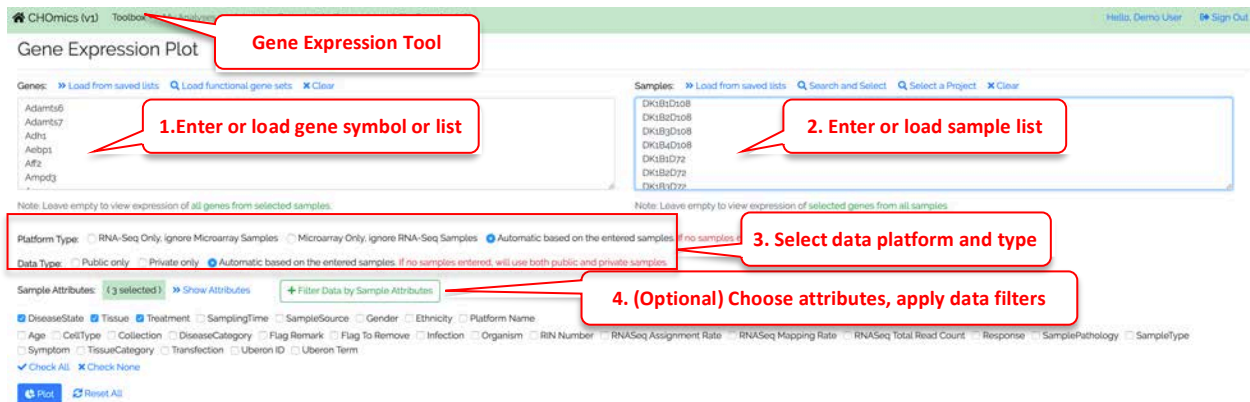
4 Visualization

4.1 Visualize Gene Expression

CHomics provides tool to easily visualize gene expression level across multiple genes, samples and omics. For each gene, you can view its expression levels across multiple samples.

4.1.1 View Gene Expression from multiple samples

Choose the Gene Expression tool from Toolbox -> Gene Expression Plot from top menu, and enter the official symbol of genes or load gene list from saved lists. Alternatively, in the gene details page, click View Gene Expression link.



As an optional step, you can choose what sample attributes to pass to the plot, and use data filter to choose only a subset of data points.

The Data Filter can be very useful if there are too many data points, and you want to focus on a few diseases or tissue types.

The screenshots below show default boxplot showing all samples by different time points (i.e., treatment).

4.1.2 View Gene Expression in Heatmap

Heatmap can be useful to visualize gene profiles from multiple samples. It can also provide information about how genes and samples cluster.

The screenshot shows the CHomics v1 Heatmap interface. It features a navigation bar at the top with 'CHomics (v1)', 'Toolbox', 'My Analyses', 'Admin', 'Projects (2)', 'Comparisons (15)', and 'Samples (25)'. The main content area is titled 'Heatmap' and includes sections for 'Genes' and 'Samples'. The 'Genes' section has a list of genes (Adams6, Adams7, Adh1, Aebp1, Afp, Ampd3) and a search bar. The 'Samples' section has a list of sample IDs (DK03D84, DK04D84, DK05D96, DK06D99, DK07D96, DK08D96) and a search bar. Below these sections are 'Sample Attributes' with various checkboxes (Age, CellType, Collection, DiseaseCategory, DiseaseState, Ethnicity, Flag Remark, Flag To Remove, Gender, Infection, Organism, RIN Number, RNASeq Assignment Rate, RNASeq Mapping Rate, RNASeq Total Read Count, Response, SamplePathology, SampleSource, SampleType, SamplingTime, Symptom, Tissue, TissueCategory, Transfection, Treatment, Uberon ID, Uberon Term, Check All, Check None). A 'Submit' button and an 'Advanced Options' button are at the bottom left. Six red callout boxes with white text and red borders point to specific elements: 1. 'Start here' points to the 'Heatmap' title. 2. 'Enter or Load Saved Genes' points to the 'Genes' search bar. 3. 'Enter or Load Saved Samples' points to the 'Samples' search bar. 4. '(Optional) Choose attributes overlaying on heatmap' points to the 'Sample Attributes' section. 5. '(Optional) Change data transformation, clustering options' points to the 'Advanced Options' button. 6. 'Plot' points to the 'Submit' button.

You can enter genes and samples in the box, or load pre-saved genes and samples quickly from your collection. By default, we will log₂ transform the gene expression data, perform scaling of the data across samples for each gene, and limit the scaled value to -3 to 3 before displaying the data in heatmap. This works well in most situations. However, advanced users can change the options. For example, if you want to keep the order of samples as you entered, just uncheck “Cluster Samples”.

The 'Advanced Options' dialog box is shown, titled 'Advanced Options' with a close button (x) in the top right corner. It is divided into two sections: 'Data Options' and 'Display Options'. Under 'Data Options', there are four checked checkboxes: 'Enable Log₂ Transform' (with a text input field 'Value To Be Added For Log Transformation: 0.5'), 'Enable Z-Score Transform', 'Enable Upper Limit' (with a text input field '3'), and 'Enable Lower Limit' (with a text input field '-3'). There are also two checked checkboxes: 'Cluster Genes' and 'Cluster Samples'. Under 'Display Options', there are three checked checkboxes: 'Overlay Samples', 'Display Gene Names', and 'Display Sample IDs'. A blue 'Close' button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

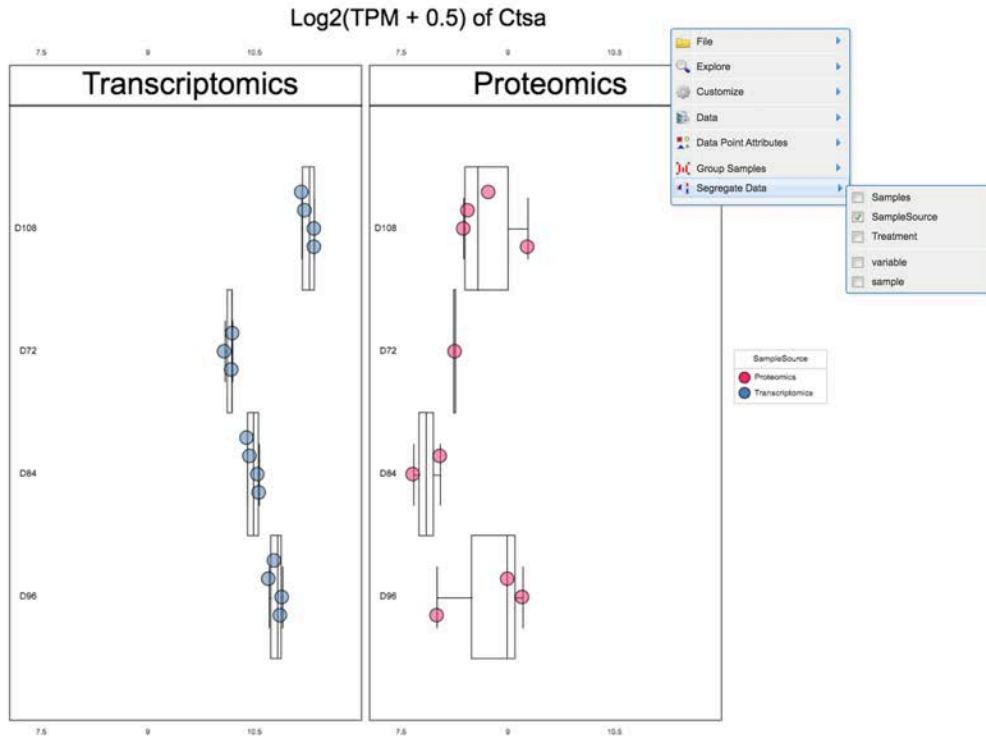
The heatmap is rendered by CanvassXpress. You can change the plot size if needed.

[Plot](#) [Reset All](#)

Summary of Data

- 1 gene found: Ctsa
- 25 samples found: DK1B1D108, DK1B2D108, DK1B3D108, DK1B4D108, DK1B1D72, DK1B2D72, DK1B3D72, DK1B1D84, DK1B2D84, DK1B3D84, DK1B4D84, DK1B1D96, DK1B2D96, DK1B3D96, DK1B4D96, P_DK1-B1-D108, P_DK1-B2-D108, P_DK1-B3-D108, P_DK1-B4-D108, P_DK1-B3-D72, P_DK1-B3-D84, P_DK1-B4-D84, P_DK1-B2-D96, P_DK1-B3-D96, P_DK1-B4-D96

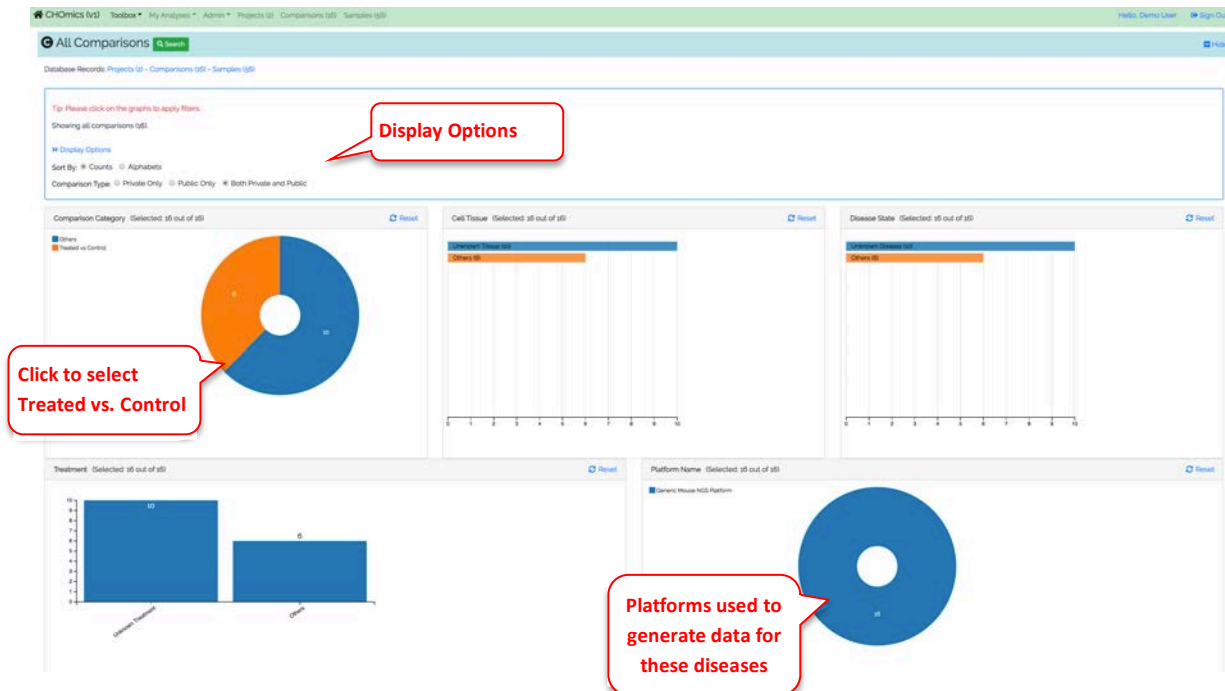
Download: [Raw Data File](#)



4.2 Visualize Comparison Data

4.2.1 Dashboard View of Comparison

The dashboard shows a summary of all the comparisons.



The above dashboard shows the comparisons from different Categories, Cell Type, Disease State, Treatment, Platform, etc. Below the dashboard, there is also a table listing all the comparisons.

In addition, users can set Dashboard Preference to change how the comparison summary is displayed.

Dashboard Options ×

Comparison Category:

Show Top 15 Only

Cell Tissue:

Hide "Unknown Tissue" Hide "Others" Type Show Top 15 Only

Disease State:

Hide "Unknown Disease" Hide "normal control" Hide "Others" Type Show Top 15 Only

Treatment:

Hide "Unknown Treatment" Hide "Others" Type Show Top 15 Only

Platform Name:

Hide "Generic" Types Show Top 15 Only

Save
Close

4.2.2 Bubble Plot

Bubble plot is another useful demonstration of gene or gene set in comparisons. For each gene, you can view all the available comparisons in a bubble chart.

CHOmics (v1) Toolbox My Analyses Admin Projects (1) Comparisons (12) Samples (30)

Bubble Plot

» Multiple genes .vs. multiple comparisons

Gene Name: Gene Symbol
Please enter the gene name, e.g., BRWD1-IT2

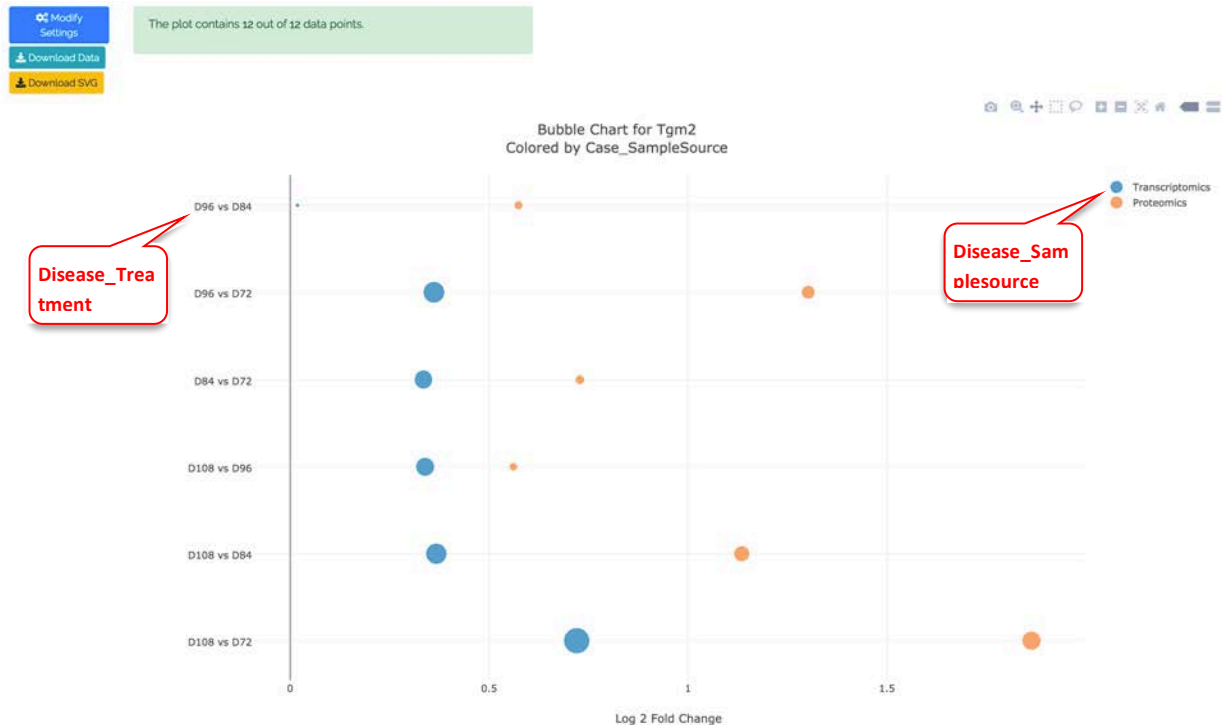
Y-axis Field:

Coloring Field:

Comparison Type:

[Next Step](#)

The default settings work for most users. After clicking the Next Step button, you will see a plot like:

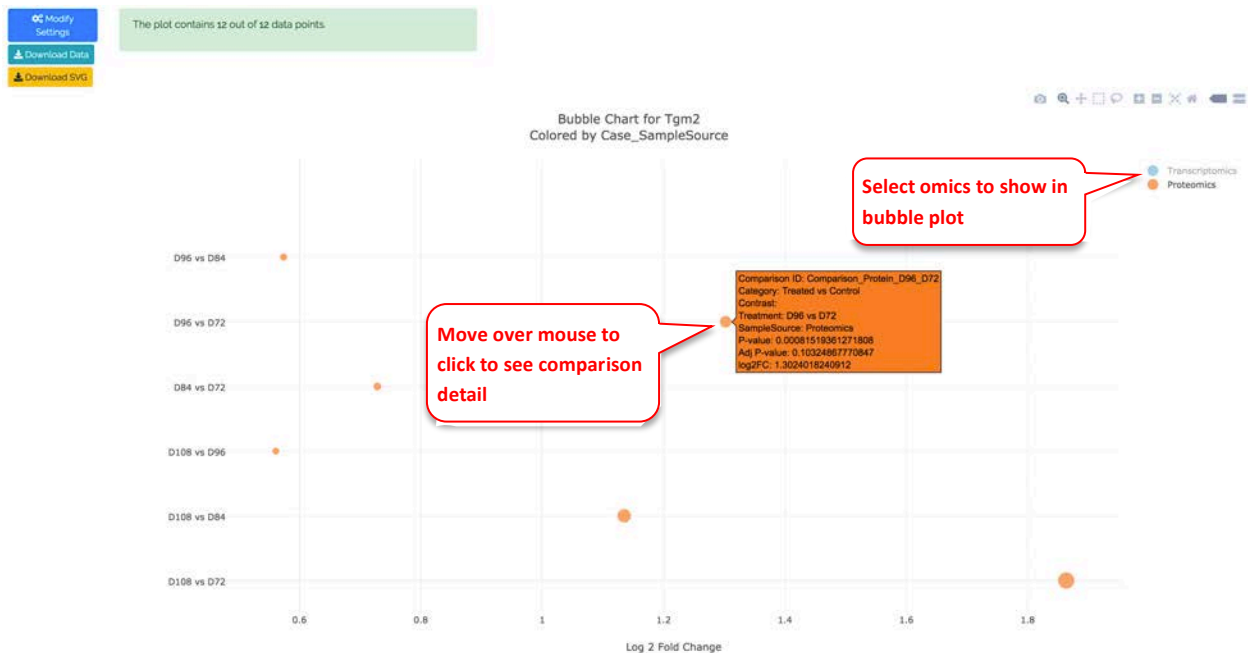


In the bubble plot, the X-axis shows log₂ Fold Change of the comparison, the Y-axis shows 'Case_treatment'. Each dot represents the comparison result of this gene from one comparison. The color of the dot represent 'Case_Samplesource' (i.e, here we set as omics type), and the size of the dot represent significance (-log₁₀(FDR), larger is more significant).

The user can click and unclick the color legend at right to select or deselect omics types. When mouse over a dot, more details are shown. And the user can also click the dot to link to other graphs.

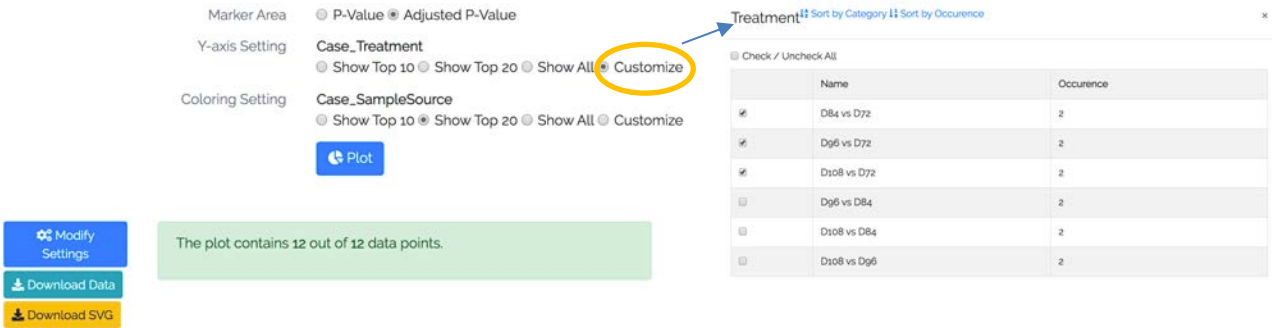
The tool bars at top right corner allows the user to zoom and pan the graph.

The screenshot below shows the same bubble chart after selecting one omics type (i.e,transcriptomics), and zoom into a portion of the chart.



Data Filter and Advanced Settings in Bubble Plot

In addition, advanced users can change settings by click "Modify Settings Button". For example, the user may want to show a selected list of diseases. After clicking Customize in Case_Treatment, user can select which treatments to display in the pop-up window.



Marker Area P-Value Adjusted P-Value

Y-axis Setting **Case_Treatment**
 Show Top 10 Show Top 20 Show All Customize

Coloring Setting **Case_SampleSource**
 Show Top 10 Show Top 20 Show All Customize

[Plot](#)

[Modify Settings](#)
[Download Data](#)
[Download SVG](#)

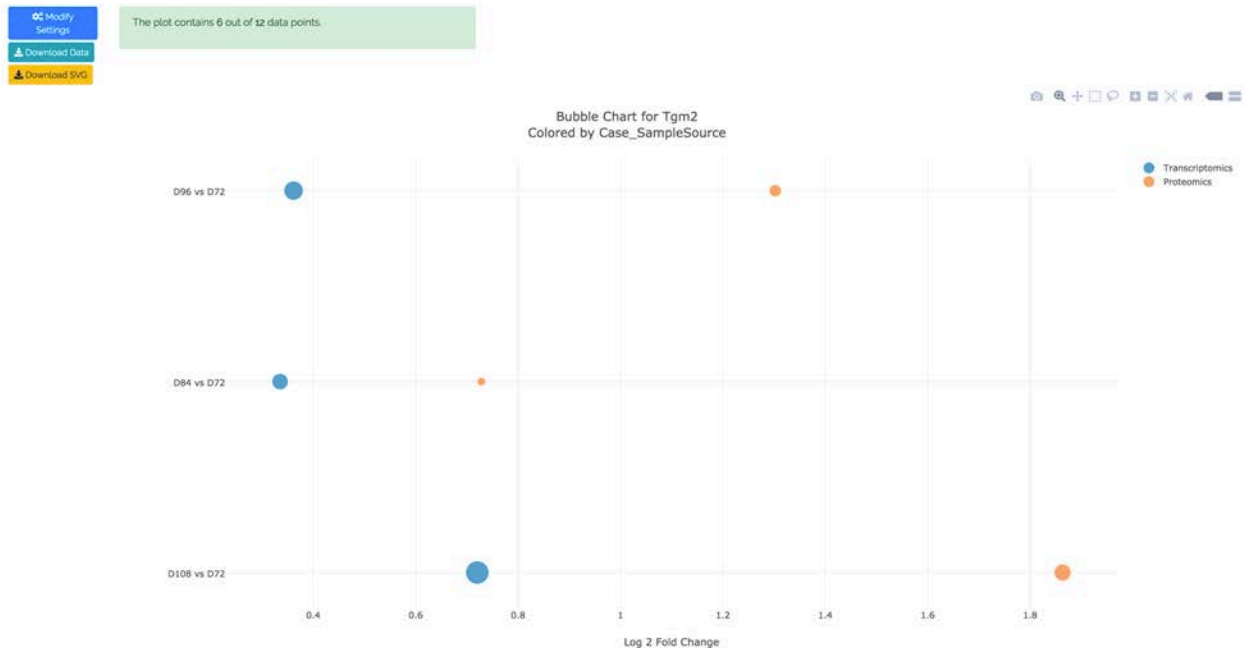
The plot contains 12 out of 12 data points.

Treatment Sort by Category Sort by Occurrence

Check / Uncheck All

	Name	Occurrence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D84 vs D72	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D96 vs D72	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D108 vs D72	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	D96 vs D84	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	D108 vs D84	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	D108 vs D96	2

After modifying the setting, the user can click plot button to view the new chart. The system will display how many data points are chosen based on the filter.



Bubble Plot of Multiple Genes and Multiple Comparisons

It can be useful to look at a set of genes (e.g. all differentially expressed genes, or genes from a certain pathways) in a set of related comparisons (e.g. all from the same disease).

To view this type of bubble plot, select the link for Multiple Genes vs. multiple comparisons.

CHOmics (v1) | Toolbox | My Analyses | Admin | Projects (2) | Comparisons (16) | Samples (56)

Bubble Plot

» Multiple genes vs. multiple comparisons

Bubble plot of gene set

Gene Name:
Please enter the gene name, e.g., BRWD1-IT2

Y-axis Field:

Coloring Field:

Comparison Type:

[Next Step](#)

In the Genes and Comparisons Bubble plot window, you can now enter the symbols of the genes, and the comparison names. However, it is much easier to use the saved genes and saved comparisons features, or other tools from the system to quickly get a get set. Please see below for details.

CHOmics (v1) | Toolbox | My Analyses | Admin | Projects (2) | Comparisons (16) | Samples (56) | Hello, Demo User | Sign Out

Bubble Plot Multiple

» Single Gene Plot

Genes: [Load from saved lists](#) [Load functional gene sets](#) [Clear](#)

Load saved gene list

Comparisons: [Load from saved lists](#) [Search and Select](#) [Select a Project](#) [Clear](#)

Load saved comparisons

Note: You must enter one or more gene names.

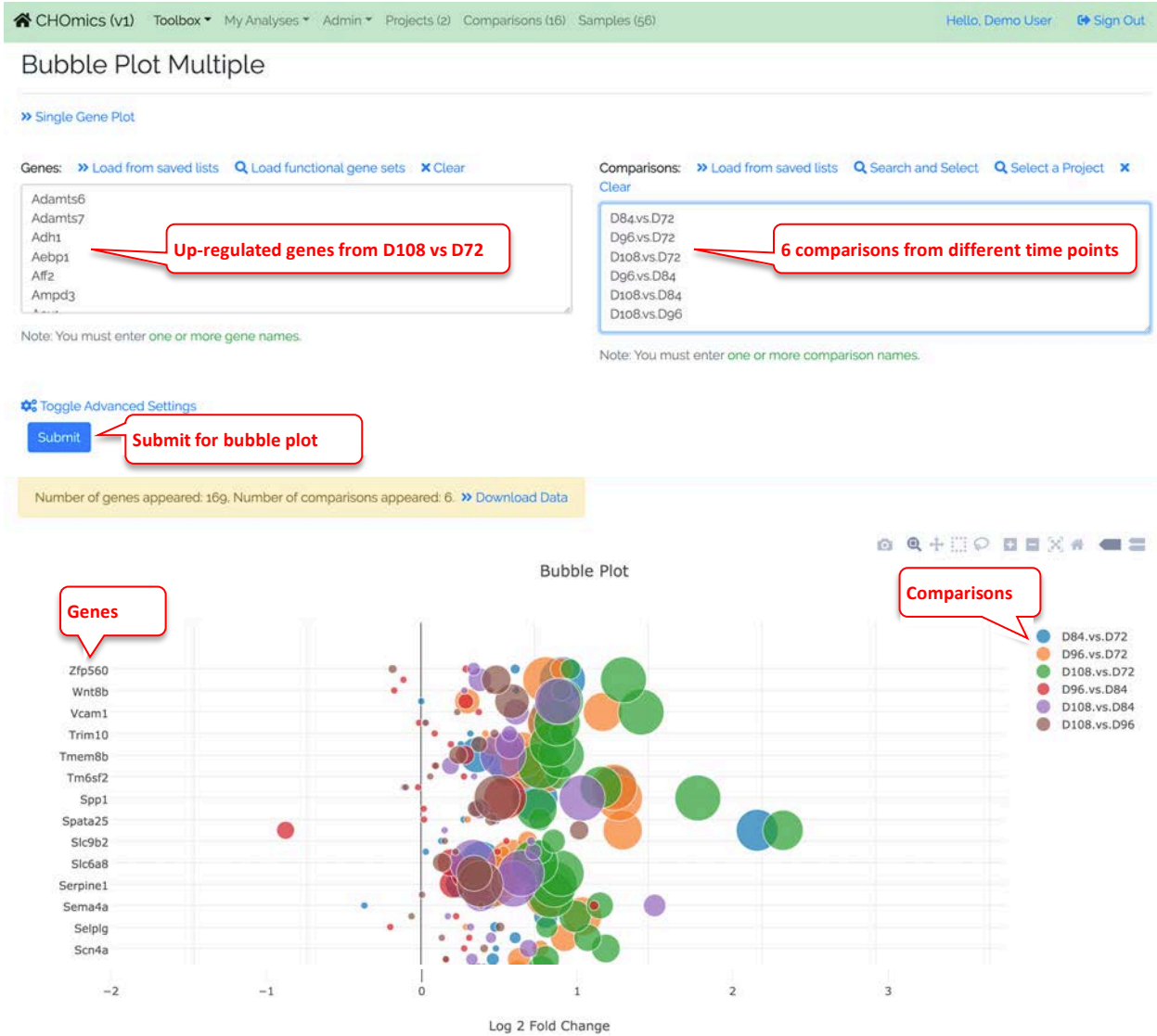
Note: You must enter one or more comparison names.

[Toggle Advanced Settings](#)

[Submit](#)

In the example below, we use dashboard to select 6 comparisons that are for different time points in CHO cell lines. We save the comparisons and load in the bubble plot tool. For gene list, we get the up-regulated genes from comparison D72 vs D108, and paste into the gene names fields.

In the bubble plot, the gene symbols are listed in Y-axis. The X-axis represents logFC, and color of the bubble represents comparison; the size of the bubble represents the significance.



In the legend, the color keys for comparisons are shown. You can click the color key in the legend to hide/show comparisons. The size of the color dot in the legend correlates to the largest bubble for that comparison, which is the most significant gene with the smallest FDR.

Bubble Plot of Multiple Omics data

Similar to the bubble plot of multiple genes across multiple comparisons, users can further compare the genes on the comparisons from different omics data.

Bubble Plot Multiple

» [Single Gene Plot](#)

Genes: » [Load from saved lists](#) [Load functional gene sets](#) [Clear](#)

cdk1
cltc
crip2
gm9242
hadhb
khsrp

Note: You must enter one or more gene names.

Comparisons: » [Load from saved lists](#) [Search and Select](#) [Select a Project](#)

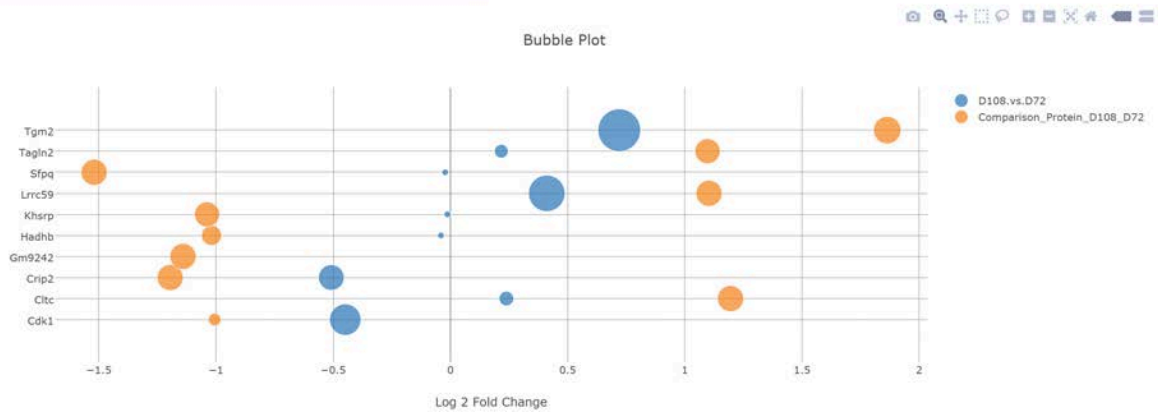
D108 vs D72
Comparison_Protein_D108_D72

Note: You must enter one or more comparison names.

[Toggle Advanced Settings](#)

[Submit](#)

Number of genes appeared: 10. Number of comparisons appeared: 2. [Download Data](#)



4.2.3 Get significant genes from comparisons

Another way to get a gene set to visualize in the genes/comparisons bubble plot is to filter for significantly changed genes. To do this, first select a few comparisons from the dash board, and click the "View Significantly Changed Genes" button.

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List of Comparisons [Hide](#)

[View Comparison List](#) [Bubble Plot](#) [Significantly Changed Genes](#) [Pathway Heatmap](#) [Meta Analysis](#) [Export Comparison Data](#) [KEGG Pathways](#) [Reactome Pathways](#) [KEGG Pathways](#)

[Gene Expression Plot](#) [Heatmap](#) [Comparison Tool](#) [PCA Analysis](#) [Export Expression Data](#)

Column visibility: Copy CSV Show: 10 entries Search:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	D84 vs D72	Others	Others	Others	D84 vs D72	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	D108 vs Dg6	Others	Unknown Tissue	Unknown Disease	D108 vs Dg6	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	D108 vs D84	Others	Unknown Tissue	Unknown Disease	D108 vs D84	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D108 vs D72	Others	Unknown Tissue	Unknown Disease	D108 vs D72	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comparison_Protein_Dg6_D84	Treated vs Control	Others	Others	Dg6 vs D84	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comparison_Protein_Dg6_D72	Treated vs Control	Others	Others	Dg6 vs D72	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comparison_Protein_D84_D72	Treated vs Control	Others	Others	D84 vs D72	Generic Mouse NGS Platform
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comparison_Protein_D108_Dg6	Treated vs Control	Others	Others	D108 vs Dg6	Generic Mouse NGS Platform

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Dashboard filter.

In table, select comparisons and view significantly changed genes.

In the significantly Changed Genes window, the comparisons from the previous page are already loaded. You can add or remove comparisons if needed.

Now select direction (up-, down-, or both), and use the logFC cutoff and FDR value to get a list of genes. Depending on the comparisons, sometimes you may need to adjust the logFC and FDR values to get a good list of genes. In general, for bubble plot, using <100 genes will make the graph easier to read.

Once you are happy with the gene list, you can save it. You can also export the list for later use.

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Significantly Changed Genes

Comparisons: [Load from saved lists](#) [Search and Select](#) [Select a Project](#) [Clear](#)

D108.vs.D72
D108.vs.D84
D108.vs.Dg6
D84.vs.D72
Dg6.vs.D72
Dg6.vs.D84

List of selected comparisons

Or, upload your comparison files: No file chosen [Demo Data](#)

Display Options: Log2FC PValue FDR

Fold Change Cutoff:

Statistic Cutoff:

List Genes: Common Genes from All Comparisons Genes from Any Comparisons

[Save Comparison List](#) [Bubble Plot](#) [Pathway Heatmap](#) [Meta Analysis](#) [Export Comparison Data](#) [WikiPathways](#) [Reactome Pathways](#) [KEGG Pathways](#)

[Save Gene List](#) [Gene Expression Plot](#) [Heatmap](#) [Correlation Tool](#) [PCA Analysis](#) [Export Expression Data](#)

Column visibility Show entries

Showing 1 to 10 of 15 entries

	GeneName	Description	D108.vs.D72 - Log2FC	D108.vs.D72 - PValue	D108.vs.D72 - FDR	D108.vs.D84 - Log2FC	D108.vs.D84 - PValue	D108.vs.D84 - FDR	D108.vs.Dg6 - Log2FC
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cd68	CD68 antigen	1.5075	0.0000	0.0000	0.9910	0.0000	0.0001	0.5591
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clu	clusterin	1.8516	0.0000	0.0000	1.2528	0.0000	0.0000	0.8301
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ctsb	cathepsin B	1.1143	0.0000	0.0000	0.7742	0.0000	0.0000	0.4140

View Significantly Changed Genes in Bubble Plot

Back to the bubble plot, you can load the saved comparisons and saved genes and view the plot.

Save to comparison list

Save to gene list

Gene	Description	D108 vs D72 - Log2FC	D108 vs D72 - PValue	D108 vs D72 - FDR	D108 vs D84 - Log2FC	D108 vs D84 - PValue	D108 vs D84 - FDR	D108 vs D96 - Log2FC	D108 vs D96 - PValue	D108 vs D96 - FDR	D84 vs D72 - Log2FC	D84 vs D72 - PValue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cd68	CD68 antigen	1.5075	0.0000	0.0000	0.9919	0.0000	0.5591	0.0000	0.0061	0.4969	0.0002
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clu	clusterin	1.8516	0.0000	0.0000	1.2528	0.0000	0.8301	0.0000	0.0003	0.6806	0.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ctsb	cathepsin B	1.1143	0.0000	0.0000	0.7742	0.0000	0.4140	0.0000	0.0006	0.3224	0.0005
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ctsl	cathepsin L	1.1178	0.0000	0.0000	0.7777	0.0000	0.3968	0.0000	0.0008	0.3222	0.0039
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doxl2	diamine oxidase-like protein 2	-1.5420	0.0000	0.0000	-0.9831	0.0000	-0.4795	0.0002	0.0186	-0.5774	0.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grn	granulin	1.0717	0.0000	0.0000	0.7742	0.0000	0.4449	0.0000	0.0049	0.2799	0.0038
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOC10071976		1.1626	0.0000	0.0000	0.6455	0.0000	0.2467	0.0009	0.0364	0.4993	0.0001
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOC103162429		1.2001	0.0000	0.0000	0.5994	0.0000	0.2880	0.0003	0.0204	0.6830	0.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mmp19	matrix metalloproteinase 19	0.9750	0.0000	0.0000	0.5372	0.0000	0.1829	0.0014	0.0440	0.4200	0.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mmp3	matrix metalloproteinase 3	1.4305	0.0000	0.0000	0.7182	0.0000	0.2204	0.0013	0.0416	0.6043	0.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nppb	natriuretic peptide type B	1.7812	0.0000	0.0000	0.9140	0.0000	0.4367	0.0001	0.0100	0.8486	0.0000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plat	plasminogen activator, tissue	1.0157	0.0000	0.0001	0.6146	0.0000	0.2990	0.0005	0.0258	0.3832	0.0015

In the example below, it can be seen that most significant genes come from down-regulated direction from the first four comparisons.

Load saved gene list

Load saved comparison list

Number of genes appeared 15, Number of comparisons appeared 6

Bubble Plot

Log 2 Fold Change

Legend:

- D108 vs D72
- D108 vs D84
- D108 vs D96
- D84 vs D72
- D96 vs D72
- D96 vs D84

4.2.4 Volcano Plot

Volcano plot is useful to view a top level summary of how many genes are significantly up- or down-regulated in a comparison.

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Volcano Plot

1. Start here

2. Search to find comparison

Comparison Name:

Please enter the comparison id, e.g., GSE43696.GPL6480.test2

Y-axis Statistics: P-value FDR Cutoff:

Fold Change Cutoff:

Chart Name:

3. (Optional) Change settings

Show Gene Symbol: Auto (based on cutoff) Customize

4. Submit Chart Width (px): Chart Height (px): [Add A New Chart](#)

Fold Change Cutoff: 2, Log₂(Fold Change Cutoff): 1.000, FDR Cutoff: 0.05, -Log₁₀(FDR Cutoff): 1.301

[View comparison details](#) [View comparison genes](#)



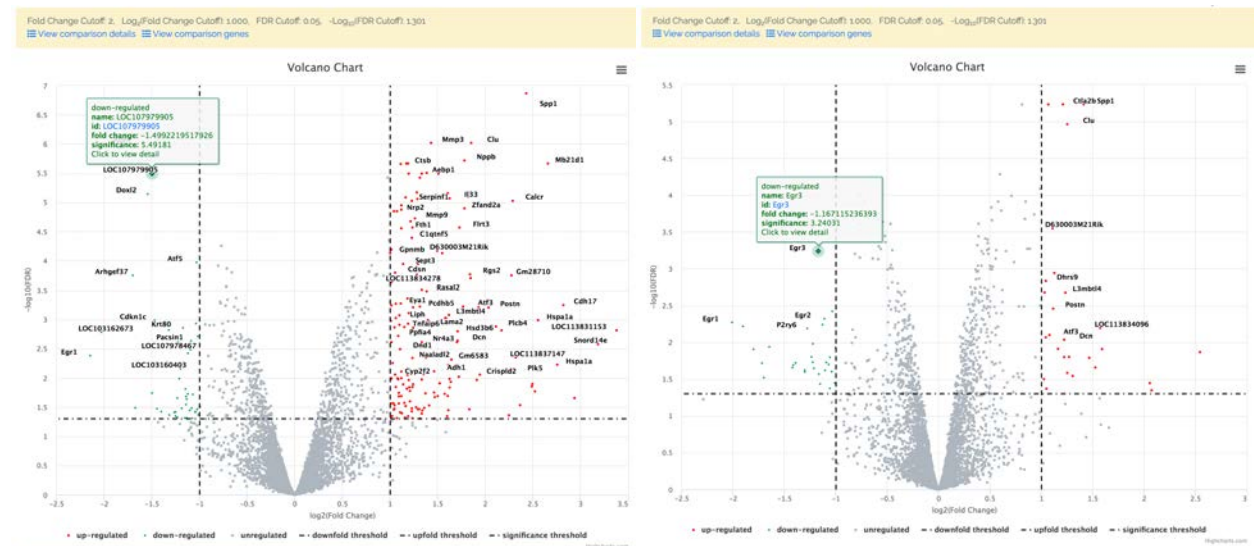
You can use mouse to drag over an area to zoom in.

Mouse over a point will show the gene details. Click the data point will show you links to other graphs.

View Multiple Volcano Plots Together

Users can also show multiple comparisons side-by-side. If needed, the user can also highlight the same group of genes across the volcano plots.

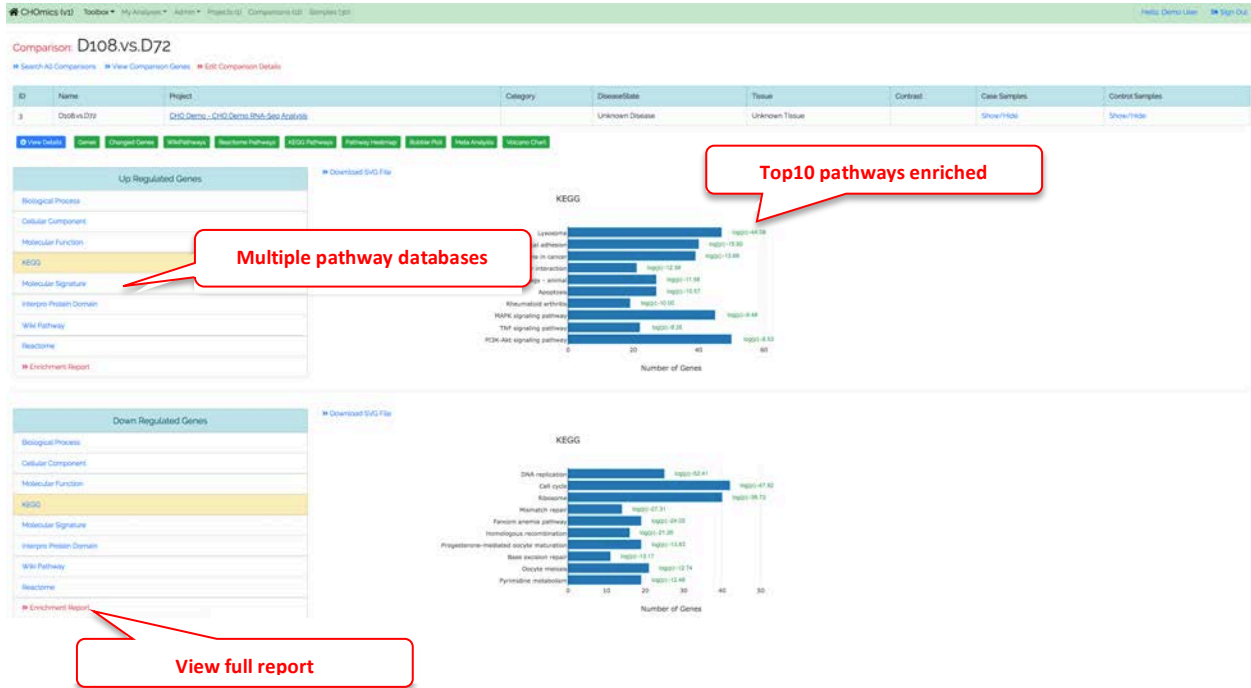
The resulting volcano plots are shown as below. Selected genes are shown as orange dots.



4.3 Visualize functional pathway

4.3.1 Enrichment from Up and Down Regulated Genes

When you view details of a comparison, the functional enrichment results are shown. Briefly, for each comparison, we generated the up- and down- regulate gene lists, and use these lists to compare with all genes in the genome to identify functions that are significantly enriched.



In the example above, this comparison is between D108 vs D72, and the top up-regulated biological processes are response to virus, immune effector process.

Click the left menu will switch the bar charts for different categories (Gene Ontology, KEGG, Molecular signature, Protein domain etc).

The bar charts here show the top 10 categories. To view complete results, click the Enrichment Report.

Gene Ontology Enrichment Results

Download enrichment results file

Functional Terms

Top10 pathways enriched

GO Tree	TermID	Term	Enrichment	logP	Genes in Term	Target Genes in Term	Fraction of Targets in Term	Total Target Genes	Total Genes	Actions
MSigDB	LEE_BMP2_TARGETS_DN	LEE_BMP2_TARGETS_DN	3.9176324871508e-31	-70.0146564295904	807	153	0.13871260199456	1103	15729	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:004424	intracellular part	3.39305799347635e-25	-56.3517766476754	13440	933	0.75980198019802	1212	20830	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:000562	intracellular	6.67887260173594e-25	-56.6656781237414	13317	936	0.772277627722772	1212	20830	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:0005488	binding	9.43954474027195e-25	-55.319795725219	12660	892	0.758903401360544	1176	20347	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:0005730	nucleus	5.91205125442094e-24	-53.4850493780918	813	125	0.103135313531353	1212	20830	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:0044464	cell part	5.2815457378031e-23	-51.2952383306056	15460	1037	0.865510561056106	1212	20830	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:0005623	cell	6.338974990904402e-23	-51.11274009568371	15495	1037	0.865510561056106	1212	20830	Show Genes
MSigDB	GSE6674_ANTL_ICM_VS_CPG_STIM_BCELL_DN	GSE6674_ANTL_ICM_VS_CPG_STIM_BCELL_DN	1.634864439029569e-21	-47.9285448990668	186	95	0.0507705255666364	1103	15729	Show Genes
MSigDB	KRIGE_RESPONSE_TO_TOSEDOSTAT_24HR_DN	KRIGE_RESPONSE_TO_TOSEDOSTAT_24HR_DN	1.614455682388897e-21	-47.6752883847299	865	140	0.126926593916591	1103	15729	Show Genes
Gene Ontology	GO:0043229	intracellular organelle	5.911065034341862e-21	-46.6773111886208	11590	829	0.683993399339934	1212	20830	Show Genes

In the enrichment report, the full list of functional terms are shown by order of p-value.

4.3.2 View Changed Genes from a Functional Term in Volcano Plot

From the bar chat, click a functional term, and you have the option to view these genes in a volcano plot.

2.View selected pathway in volcano plot

1.Click to select a pathway to view

Comparison: D108 vs D72

Up Regulated Genes

KEGG

Pathway	log2(FC)	log10(P)
Lysosome	44.08	11.00
Focal adhesion	15.00	13.00
Proteoglycans in cancer	13.39	11.00
ECM-receptor interaction	11.00	10.37
Autophagy - animal	10.00	10.00
Apoptosis	10.00	10.00
Rheumatoid arthritis	8.28	8.44
MAPK signaling pathway	8.28	8.03
TNF signaling pathway	8.28	8.03
PI3K-Akt signaling pathway	8.28	8.03

Once you click the link in the popup window, volcano plot will be generated for the comparison with the changed genes from the selected term highlighted.

Volcano Plot

[Back to Comparison Details](#)

Comparison Name:

Please enter the comparison id, e.g. GSE43696.GPL6480.test2.

Y-axis Statistics: P-value FDR Cutoff:

Fold Change Cutoff:

Chart Name:

Show Gene Symbol: Auto (based on cutoff) Customize

Genes: [Load from saved lists](#) [Load functional gene sets](#) [Clear](#)

Cd68

Cln5

Ctns

Ctsa

Ctsb

Ctsd

Ctsf

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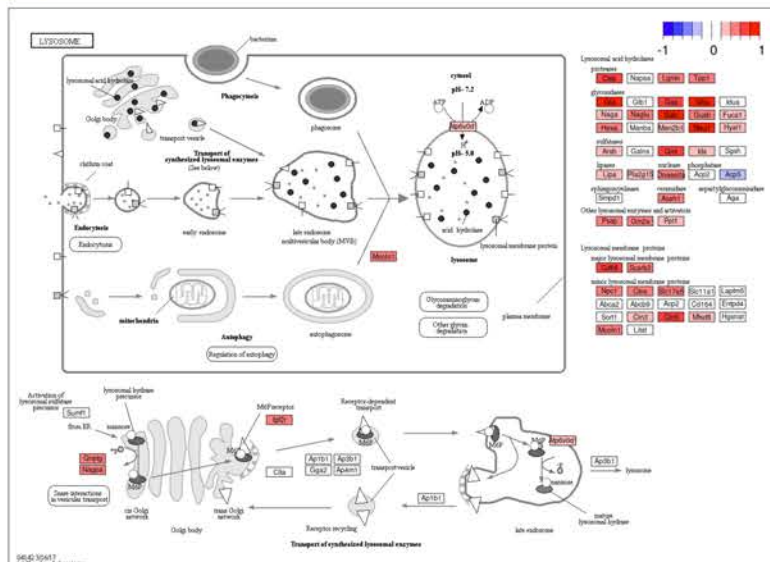
4.3.3 View Enriched Pathways Directly from Comparison Details

From the bar chart, if you are viewing KEGG or wikipathway database, clicking the pathway name and you have the option to view pathway plot.

The screenshot shows the CHOmics (v1) interface for comparison D108.vs.D72. The left sidebar has a 'KEGG' tab selected, highlighted by callout 1. The main area shows a bar chart of enriched KEGG pathways. The 'Lysosome' pathway is the most enriched, with approximately 45 genes. Callout 2 points to this pathway. A dropdown menu for 'Lysosome' is open, showing options: 'Volcano Plot', 'KEGG Pathway', and 'Save Gene List'. Callout 3 points to the 'KEGG Pathway' option.

This will automatically open the pathway visualization page, and preload the pathway and comparison. Click submit to view the pathway.

The screenshot shows the 'KEGG Pathway View' page in CHOmics (v1). The page title is 'KEGG Pathway View'. It includes a 'Start Over' button, a 'Download Pathway File' button, and a 'Search Pathways' button. The 'Comparisons' section shows 'D108.vs.D72' selected. There are fields for 'Or, upload your comparison files' and 'Visualization' (set to 'Gradient Blue-White-Red 1-0-1'). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom left.

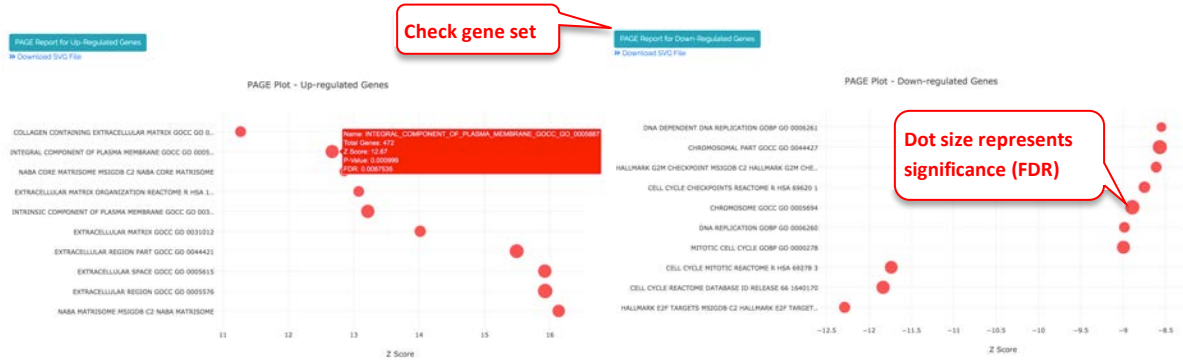


Gene Set Enrichment from Ranked Genes

For each comparison, we produce a rank file for all genes using logFC. We use PAGE (Parametric Analysis of Gene Set Enrichment) to identify significant biological changes. PAGE can be more sensitive for comparisons where the logFC is relatively small, but most genes in a functional set show the same direction of change.

The predefined gene sets were from MSigDB.

For each comparison, the top up-regulated and down-regulated gene sets are plotted.



To view the full list of gene sets, you can click the report for genes as shown in following figure.

UP-Regulated PAGE Report [Back to Comparison Details](#)

Gene Set Name	# Genes	Z Score	P Value	FDR
A_TETRASACCHARIDE_LINKER_SEQUENCE_IS_REQUIRED_FOR_GAG_SYNTHESIS_REACTOME_R_HSA_1971475_1	15	3.5026	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTIN_BASED_CELL_PROJECTION_GOCC_GO_0098868	123	3.8617	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTIN_BINDING_GOMF_GO_0003779	256	4.1771	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTIN_FILAMENT_BASED_PROCESS_GOBP_GO_0030029	340	3.499	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTION_POTENTIAL_GOBP_GO_0001608	39	5.7786	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTIVATION_OF_IMMUNE_RESPONSE_GOBP_GO_0002253	127	3.6063	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTIVATION_OF_MATRIX_METALLOPROTEINASES_REACTOME_DATABASE_ID_RELEASE_66_1692389	15	8.8731	0.000999	0.0087535
ACTIVE_TRANSMEMBRANE_TRANSPORTER_ACTIVITY_GOMF_GO_0022804	174	5.2286	0.000999	0.0087535
ADAPTIVE_IMMUNE_RESPONSE_BASED_ON_SOMATIC_RECOMBINATION_OF_IMMUNE_RECEPTORS_BUILT_FROM_IMMUNOGLOBULIN_SUPERFAMILY_DOMAINS_GOBP_GO_0002480	83	3.3944	0.000999	0.0087535
ADAPTIVE_IMMUNE_RESPONSE_GOBP_GO_0002250	124	3.7389	0.000999	0.0087535

Showing 1 to 10 of 1,000 entries

Previous 1 2 3 4 5 ... 100 Next

4.3.4 Multi-layer visualization

If you are interested in a particular pathway, sometimes it is useful to map the RNA-Seq or microarray data to the pathway for visualization.

1. Start here

2. Select pathway for visualization

My Experience

Private Folder: /opt/...

CHO Demo

2019-10-10
Samples (15)
Show/Hide Samples
Analyses (1)
Show/Hide Analyses
• CHO Demo R

RNA-Seq Data

2019-10-08
Samples (26)
Show/Hide Samples
Analyses (1)
Show/Hide Analyses
• Tests (✓ Finished)

My Private

CHO Demo - C

Created on 2019-10-10

There are 30 samples in this project.

There are 12 comparisons in this project.

3. Choose pathway

4. Choose comparison

5. (Optional) change visualization settings

6. Submit to view the pathway

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KEGG Pathway View

Start Over Note: * denotes required fields.

Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis Pathway File

Comparisons: Load from saved lists Search and Select Select a Project Clear

D108.vs.D72

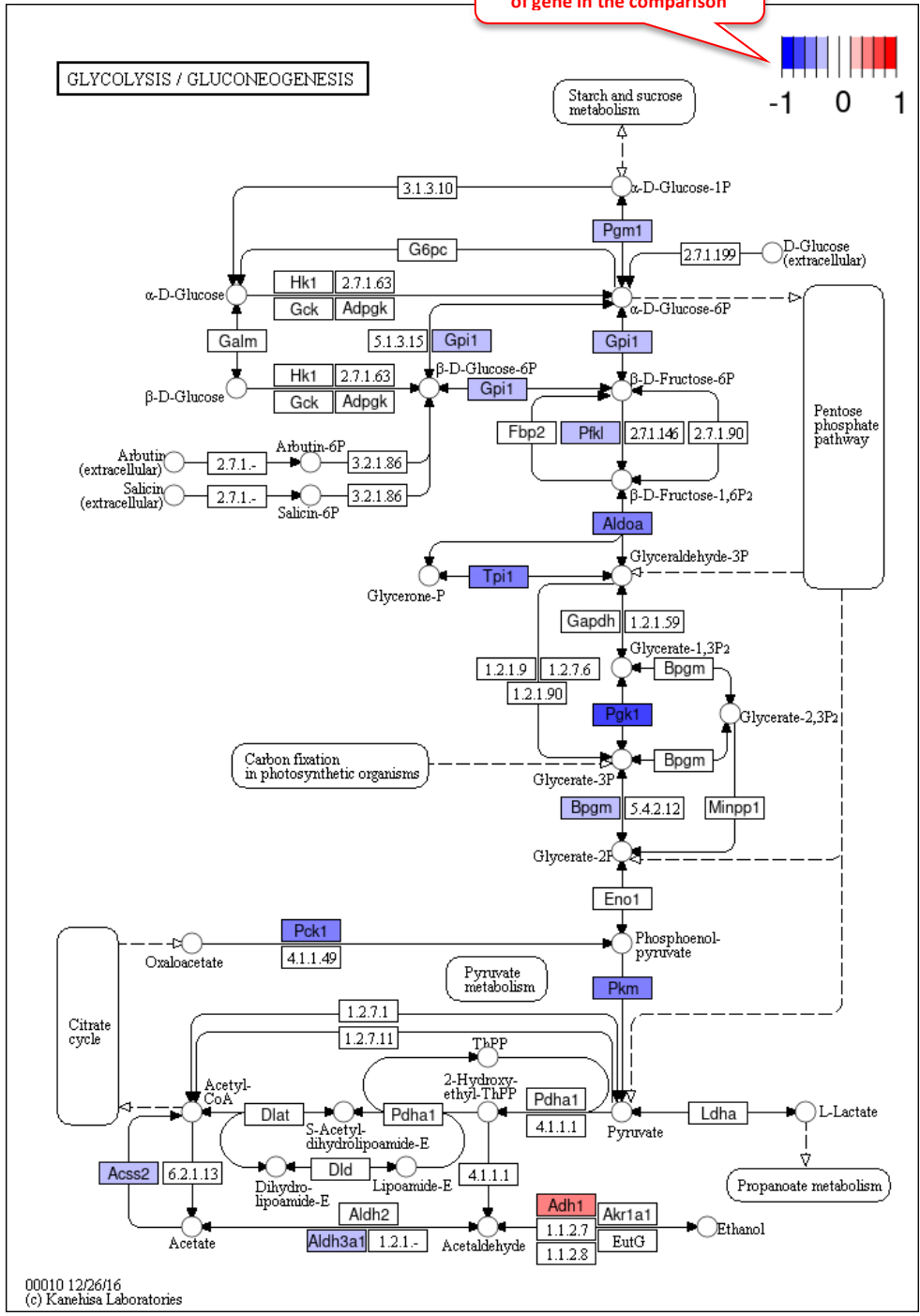
Or, upload your comparison files: Choose File No file chosen Demo Data

Visualization: Gradient Blue-White-Red (-1,0,1)

Submit

In the pathway plot, typically we use red-blue color scale to show the log2 Fold Change. Blue is down-regulated, red is up-regulated.

Color represents the significance of gene in the comparison



Pathway Plot from Several Comparisons

The user can add multiple comparisons from the pathway plot tool by clicking Add Comparison link. Besides showing log2 Fold Change, the user can also show statistical significance by clicking Enable Second Visualization Columns.

CHOMics (v1) Toolbox ▾ My Analyses ▾ Admin ▾ Projects (1) Comparisons (12) Samples (30)

KEGG Pathway View

[Start Over](#) Note: * denotes required fields.

Glycolysis / Gluconeogenesis [Download Pathway File](#)

[» Select Pathway](#)

Comparisons: [» Load from saved lists](#) [🔍 Search and Select](#) [🔍 Select a Project](#) [✕ Clear](#)

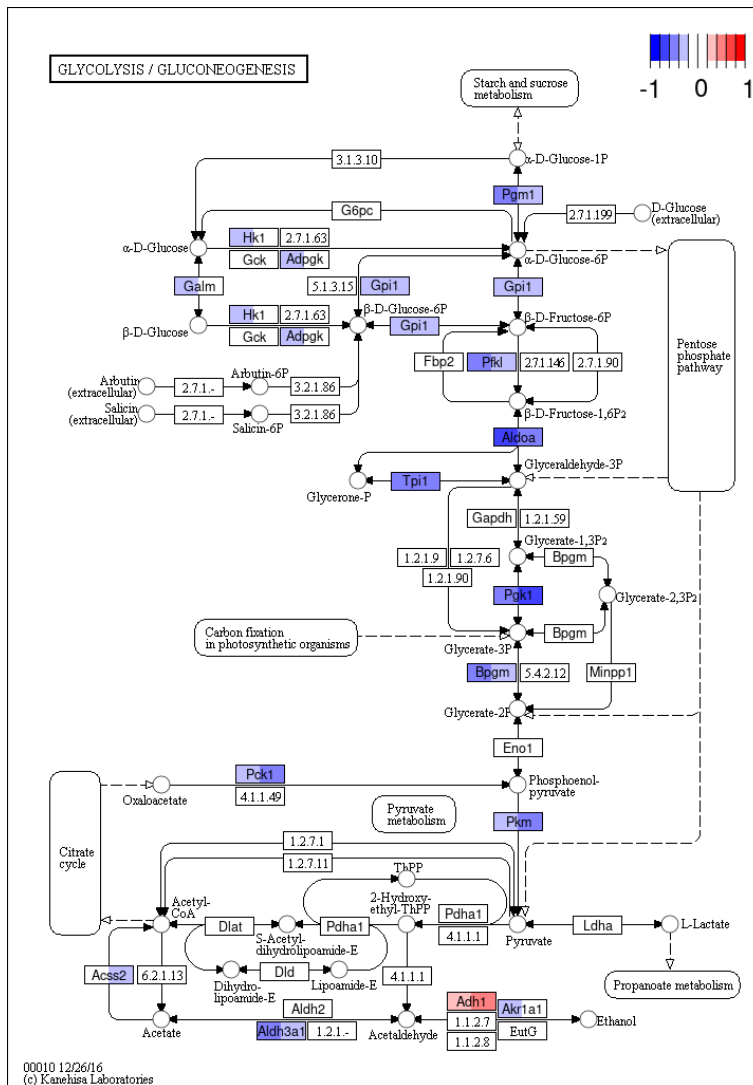
D84.vs.D72
D108.vs.D72

Choose multiple comparison

Or, upload your comparison files: No file chosen [» Demo Data](#)

Visualization:
Gradient Blue-White-Red (-1,0,1)

The pathway plot will now have multiple color bars corresponding to the different comparisons.



4.3.5 Pathway Heatmap From Comparisons

Users can display the enriched pathways from several related comparisons, and visualize the top enriched pathways across comparisons. Users can mix public data and inhouse comparisons.

The heatmap shows pathways in rows, comparisons in columns. The statistical significance is color-coded (log P-value, or Z-score). Pathways are sorted by the negative logP values from the highest to the lowest.



From the pathway heatmap, users can click any data point to view details.

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Pathway Names and GeneSets:
Up-Regulated GeneSets

- Transcriptional misregulation in cancer
- Human papillomavirus infection
- Fluid shear stress and atherosclerosis
- P13K-Akt signaling pathway
- TNF signaling pathway
- MAPK signaling pathway
- Galactose metabolism
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum

[Draw Heatmap](#)

Up-Regulated GeneSets vs. Comparisons, log10(p-value) [Save SVG](#)

D84 vs. D72 D96 vs. D72 D108 vs. D72 D96 vs. D84 D108 vs. D84 D108 vs. D96

Lysosome
HIF-1 signaling pathway
Focal adhesion
Ribosome biogenesis in eukaryotes
FoxO signaling pathway
Proteoglycans in cancer
ECM-receptor interaction
Axon guidance
Apoptosis
Autophagy - animal
Sphingolipid metabolism
Protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum
Rheumatoid arthritis
Galactose metabolism
MAPK signaling pathway
TNF signaling pathway
P13K-Akt signaling pathway
Fluid shear stress and atherosclerosis
Human papillomavirus infection
Transcriptional misregulation in cancer

Data Actions

- [View Comparison Detail](#)
- [View Data in Volcano Plot](#)

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x: D108 vs. D72
y: Lysosome
z: 44.082867304813
logP: -44.0828673048135
number of genes: 47

5 Customized analysis pipeline

5.1 Use alternative tool or algorithm

The analysis pipeline is modular, each step can be modified by users to use an alternative method if desired. The users should be familiar with the Linux bash to run the analysis steps and be familiar with php programming to make modification to the source code.

The full analysis pipeline has four steps, and each step is listed in a bash file in the analysis folder in the system.

- `step_0.sh` FASTQC of raw data
- `step_1.sh` Alignment to genome
- `step_2.sh` Gene count
- `step_3.sh` DEG detection and functional enrichment

These bash files are created by PHP programs `chomics/app/bxgenomics/bxgenomics_exe_analysis.php`, when users launch analysis pipeline online in a web browser via `chomics/app/bxgenomics/analysis.php`. For example, the current pipeline uses subread to perform alignment. If users want to modify the pipeline to change it to use the STAR program for alignment, they need the following steps:

- 1) Install STAR program on the server, prepare STAR index for the CHO genome.
- 2) Check the commands in `step_1.sh`, and change the commands as needed. In this case, the subread command (subunc step) needs to be replaced by the equivalent STAR command. Since STAR can sort the bam files, the samtools sort step can be omitted. Finally, the STAR output file is named as `SampleIDAligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam`, an extra step is needed to rename it to `SampleID.sorted.bam`, so `step2.sh` can output gene count files with the correct sample names.
- 3) Edit PHP program `chomics/app/bxgenomics/bxgenomics_exe_analysis.php`, find the part that generates `step_1.sh` (The section is marked as “Step 1. Alignment with Subread”), and then make changes accordingly.
- 4) Test the updated system to make sure it works as expected.